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# Parades row setback for Ulster peace

By David McKittrick and Colin Brown

ATTEMPTS to impose order and discipline on the approaching Orange marching season received an ominous setback yesterday with the resignation of two loyalist members of the newlyappointed Parades Commission.

The commission was set up to prevent a repeat of last year's marching season, when disturbombing incidents, 800 attacks tensive damage to both property and community relations.

the commission acceded to a re-, time is kept fully in mind." quest from Tony Blair not to anintended to ban this year.

The commission's authority and credibility as an independent entity, which have already agreement is scheduled for 22 been called anto question by May followed by elections to a both loyalist and republican electron: Belfast assembly on 25 June. Common among northern blows were the respections and Carbolics is clearly strongly in Mr Blan's inservention. Only favour of the according Protestour members and a chargonian rant common translates comfour members and a charmon - rant opinion is much less com-

Glen Barr, a prominent activist how they would vote. from Londonderry, and Tommy Cheevers, from Belfast. The ties, Mr Blair may well have reasons they gave for resigning -concluded that a strong Yes vote were vague, Mr Barr blaming media pressure while Mr Cheev- ontcome of a particular marchers said "the environment ing controversy. is not yet right for me to make the necessary contribution the politics of denunciation. Northern Ireland Office.

that the commission was about to announce a han on a number of parades, including the most contentious of all, the march along Garvaghy Road from Drumcree at Portadown, Co Armagh in early July. Mr Blair wrote to commission

chairman Alistair Graham saying: "I have come to the view that it would be preferable to avoid bances included 1,500 petrol-... overloading the political system by putting your preliminary view on the security forces and ex- in the public domain now. My -broader concern is simply to ensure that the broader political sit-The resignations came after ... nation at an already volatile

The assumption is that the nounce, which marches it Prime Minister feared that a Drumeree ban would inflame Protestant opinion. The referendum on the Good Friday

mitted a recent opinion poll Those who stepped down tound that 42 per cent of were two working-class loyalists. Protestants were undecided on

Given these political realiis far more important than the

The widespread belief is from both sides, with the air full of allegations of chicanery. An additional element in Unionist criticism was the announcement that the four members of the Balcombe Street Gang, one of the IRA's most notorious units from the 1970s, are being

transerred from jail in Britain

to an Irish prison. Both David Trimble and Downing Street denied that the Ulster Unionist Party leader had made representations to the Prime Minister to postpone the commission's announcement. Mr Thimble said he had however spoken to Mr Graham and had been "really quite angry" that he had not consulted him about the Drumcree issue.

> solute folly." Brendan Mac Connaith, spokesman for nationalist Garvaghy Road residents, said Mr Blair's intention was an indication that the Government was giving in to pressure from the orangemen. A "memorial forest" could be

> He added that banning the pa-

rade would be "lunatic, ab-

planted in Ulster as a mark of respect to the more than 3,000 people who have been killed during three decades of the Troubles. This is one of the ideas which will be proposed in a report on memorials to the victims of violence in Ulster by Sir Kenneth Bloomfield, a former se-In the wake of these events nior civil servant at the

### Dolly had a little lamb...



HER MOTHER may be the most famous sheep in the world, but Bonnie the lamh is already getting used to cameras,

writes Charles Arthur. Born at 4am on 13 April, she is the daughter, unt a cione, of Dolly the cloned sheep. "Despite Dolly's unusual nrigins, the hirth of her lamb confirms she is able to breed normally and produce healthy offspring," said Graham

Bulfield of the Roslin Institute in Edinhurgh, where Dolly was cloned. Through born in July 1996, Dully's existence was not announced until January 1997 triggering an international debate on the ethics of cluning, which can create

genetically identical animals from an adult cell nucleus implanted intn a vacant egg ceii.

The hirth of a healthy lamh counters

related disorders, having been clined from an adult. It is also important to the commercialisation of the nuclear transfer technique that produced Dolly: will be expanded into larger flocks or

"When nuclear transfer is used ... a few transgenic fnunder cattle, sheep ur pigs herds by conventional breeding, ant by clining," said Dr Bulfield.

#### **UK** has highest rate of asthma in world

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

BRITAIN has the highest rate of childhood asthma in the world according to the first global study of the disease.

Up to one in three children in Britain suffer from wheezing. a rate 20 times higher than in the countries of Eastern Europe and the Far East. Only Australia, New Zealand and the Republic of Ireland come close.

The findings from the International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood, covering 460,000 children aged 13-14 in 50 countries, effectively dispatch the theory that pollution is a cause of asthma. Regions with the worst pollution such as China and Eastern Europe had among the lowest rates while New Zealand, where the air is renowned for its pu-

rity, had among the highest. However, high levels of air pollution are known to trigger attacks in people who already have asthma. The cause of asthma remains a mystery and the researchers hope that by mapping its incidence across the world clues may emerge.

Researchers in 155 centres in the 56 countries questioned the children about whether they had experienced symptoms of asthma, rhinoconjunctivitis (inflammation of the nasal passages and eyes) and eczema, the skin disorder.

The results, published in The Lancet, show that although the three conditions are similar allergic disorders, their global distribution is different, suggesting they have different causes. All three were lowest in Eastern Europe and Asia and highest in the UK, Ireland, USA, Australia, New Zealand and Canada - countries with a common genetic inheritance.

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In a commentary on the findings, Dr Sarah Lewis of the University of Nottingham said this was consistent with "a greater genetic predisposition to atopy [the tendency to allergic reactions] in these populations".

But she added that genetics alone was unlikely to account for the huge international differences or for the recent rapid increase in assima in countries with the highest rates. Results from the UK showed an asthma rate of 20 to 37 per cent.

Asthma is very unlikely to be the result of a single cause. Other possible causes include declining family size - which has meani exposure to fewer infections in childhood necessary to build up the immune system; lifestyle changes like central heating and wall-to-wall carpets which provide the perfect home for housedust mites; maternal smoking; vaccinations and the use of antibiotics.



# Labour Party caught out over expenses fiddle

By Anthony Bevins Political Editor

THE Labour Party has been caught attempting to get MPs to claim Commons expenses for a party political service.

But The Independent was told last night that the Commons authorities would rule the expenses fiddle out of order. and any MPs' claims would be

In a letter received by all 417 n Sawyer, the party. energie secretary, offered a the pullifical news stones running in the broadcast media and daily newspapers. In just a few minutes you can appraise your-

self of every issue in the media." witten brief would be sent outby fax every morning at 9.30. The bad news was that, "unfortunately, due in the limited nature of the party's resources,

#### MP charged over election costs

A LABOUR MP has been charged with submitting false electioa expenses. Fiona Jones, MP for

Newark, Nottinghamshire, is to appear at Nottingham Magistrates' court on 22 May, charged with an offence under the 1983 Representation of the People Act. The last recorded conviction of an MP for splaintting false election expenses was in 1923. Page 8

we have to charge £250 plus VAT per annum to cover the faxing and administration costs. of providing this service."

The good news was that Mr The MPs were told that the Sawyer was offering the taxpayer's wallet to foot the hill. "If you wish to order the media brief," he said, "then please complete a Form B and submit this to the [Commons] fees of-

fice (a copy is enclosed)." The fees office pays MPs' expenses, and the form contained a statutory declaration that the cash was to be spent on "services provided wholly, exclusively and necessarily in connection with my parliamentary duties".

The order form said that if an MP wanted the brief faxed to a different number during recesses the cost would be £411.25.

The order form then concluded with a clear suggestion that the entire deal had been agreed by the Commons authorities, asking the MP to sign a statement saying: "I enclose a copy of my completed Form B (periodical payment) which has been accepted by the fees office."

In fact, the fees office had accepted no such agreement. A spokesman told The Independent: This is a briefing service for Labour MPs, and they have been told they can claim this off their office costs allowance. No, they can't.

Clearly, this is political; it



Tom Sawyer: 'A 24-hour media monitoring service'

is purely for Lahour Party

Members of Parliament." Gillian Shephard, shadow Leader of the Commons, last night condemned the "fairly transparent try-on".

The Independent reported last year that new Labour MPs had been asked to "contribute" £5,000 out of their £47,568 office costs allowance towards the salaries of their constituency party agents. Once exposed, the "demand with menaces" was

One senior Labour MP told The Independent last night: "This is yet another brazen attempt by the party to milk the system. They should have learned their lesson last year, and should stop this nonsense now.

#### Accused detective on full pay for 3 years cute him, but a recommenda- he repeatedly raped and sexu-By Steve Boggan

Chief Reporter

A DETECTIVE accused of raping an informant under poprotection, stealing £400,000 worth of heromand attempting to pervert the course of justice has been at home on full pay for more than three

The officer, attached to the South East Regional Crime Squad, was suspended after being accused of the offences in late 1994, but no decision has yet been taken on whether he should be disciplined.

The Complaints Investigation Bureau at New Scotland Yard - which has examined complaints against more than 40 detectives from the squad in recent years - confirmed yesterday that the officer has been receiving a salary of about £30,000 while a decision on his future was made.

The Crown Prosecution Service has decided not to prose-

tion on whether he should face ally assaulted her between July disciplinary action was sent to the Metropolitan Police by the Police Complaints Authority in Fehruary 1997. No action has been taken following that recommendation.

Detective Chief Inspector Jan Quinton, the CIB officer in charge of the case, said: "The matter is still ongoing and he is being paid during his suspension. I have no idea when a decision on his future will be made. This is not the time for me to discuss the reason for the delays (in the inquiry) because I would expect that when the matters are concluded that will be an issue high on the agenda. There are a variety of reasons why it has taken to long; some of those are under my control and some of them are not."

The complaints against the officer were made by a female informant under his protection. She made 34 allegations against him, most seriously that

and August 1994 at two safe houses in Essex. Other allegations were that he "dishonestly appropriated 4 kilos of heroin from a total quantity of 40 kilos that were seized"; that in March 1994, he "unlawfully supplied the complainant with a firearm and a case of hullets"; and that he "unlawfully supplied the complainant with dangerous drugs", namely cannahis, LSD and ecstasy. Among other allegations, the woman claims the officer stole money from her, told her what to say in a witness statement in a hid to pervert the course of justice, tapped her phone, dishonestly handled £25,000 and failed to act on information about other crimes.

It is understood one of the difficulties facing CIB officers is the potential unreliability of the witness, a drug user. According to police sources, the officer vigorously denies her



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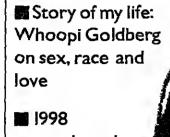
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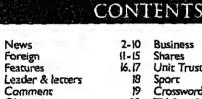
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# Terror gang that murdered 16

David McKittrick looks back at the

deadly saga of the Balcombe Street team

THEY killed at least 16 people and carried out up to 50 bombings and shootings in the London area during 1974 and 1975. Their activities made them a byword in both IRA and security circles for single-minded determination to bring the republican war to England, which they did with devastating effect.

The gang's attacks also had profound subsequent effects on the criminal justice system, since among their victims were seven people killed in the Guildford and Woolwich pub bombings. A number of civilians, who came to be known as the Guildford Four and Maguire Seven, were wrongly convicted for the gang's killings and after long campaigns, subsequently cleared.

The Balcombe Street gang got their nickname when four of their members were arrested following a siege in the London street. The four were eventually convicted in connection with eight killings. One of the gang, Hugh Doherty, is the bruther of Sinn Fein vicepresident Pat Doherty.

Some of them also confessed to causing the explosions which killed five people in Guildford in October 1974 and two others in Woolwich the following month. Their confessions were in effect rejected and they were not charged with these seven killings, for which others had already been jailed.

The gang's other activities during 1974 and 1975 included a bomb attack on the home of former prime minister Sir Edward Heath as well as bombings of railway stations, hotels, restaurants, pubs and other places designated by the IRA as "establishment targets".

A letter found in a flat used by one of them suggested the flooding of part of the London Tube system. Referring to a London reservoir it added: "Do intelligence on it with a view to poisoning lakes and blowing up pumping stations."

Although the gang was active from October 1974, its most intense burst of violent activity came hetween August and December 1975, when members carried out a wave of no-warning bomb attacks on pubs and other premises. Fifteen of the 16 killings took place in this last five-month period which followed the breakdown

of the IRA's 1974-75 ceasefire. The gang's activities came to an end in December 1975 when extra police patrols were deployed in London. One of these patrols spotted four members of the gang opening fire at a Mayfair restaurant which they had already bombed three weeks earlier. Following a police chase they eventually forced their way into a flat in Balcombe Street in the Marylebone district. They held a married couple hostage there during a five-day siege before giving themselves up.

In February 1977 the four were sentenced to a total of 47 terms of life imprisonment. Describing them as "criminals who called themselves soldiers", the judge recommended they each serve not less than 30 years. They also received a variety of other sentences totalling more than 2,000 years.

When sentenced, one shouted "Up the Provos" while another told the judge, "I don't want to listen to all this English rubhish". A third gave a clenched-fist salute while the fourth made a V-sign at the judge as he was led away. During the trial one of the

four delivered a lengthy statement to the jury. He said that three of them, together with another man who was already imprisoned, had bombed Guildford and Woolwich, "The DPP was made aware of these admissions in December 1975 but did nothing. This shifty manoeuvring typifies what we as Irish republicans have come to understand by the words 'British justice', he added.



The Balcombe Street siege led to the capture of an IRA group which killed at least 16 people in England

Among the victims of the Balcombe Street gang were: five people, four of them soldiers, who died when a bomb exploded without warning at the House and Groom pub in Guildford: 57 uther people were injured in the explosion.

Gordon Hamilton-Fairley, a professor at St Bartholomew's hospital who was an internationally known cancer expert. was killed near his home at Campden Hill Square in Kensington. The device had been left under the car of a neighbour, the Conservative MP Sir Hugh Fraser, who was the IRA's

Ross McWhirter, a founder of the Guinness Book of World Records and television personality was shot at his home in Enfield in London. The gang targeted him because of his far-right opinions and because he had offered a £50,000 reward

sponsible for their attacks. Stephen Tibble, a Metropolitan Police constable, was shot dead when he joined in the pursuit of a member of the gang in the Hammersmith area. Constahie Tibhle, who had been in the police force for only three months, was off duty at the time. When he confronted the IRA man the latter produced a pistol and shot him twice in the chest. A man was jailed for

his murder 13 years later in

Captain Roger Goad, a bomh disposal expert, died while attempting to defuse a homb outside a shoe shop in Kensington Church Street in London. In a statement one of the bombers said they had deliberately set out to kill a disposal man, adding: "Our intention was obvious - to get an expert, an explosives expert. We succeeded, didn't we? He didn't take his precautions,"

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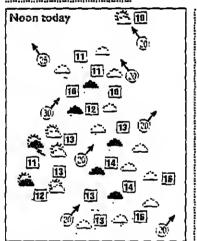
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#### Sexuality and the Church

Peter Tatchell outs church leaders and disrupts the Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon and Margaret Kennedy, founder and co-ordinator of The Christian Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse. demands the expulsion of Eric Gill's work from Westminster Abbey. They join Andrew Marr. editor-in-chief of The Independent, to debate. sexuality and the church on Monday 27 April at 7.30pm

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#### WEATHER



A bright start in the east of Scotland and England but rain over Northern Ireland, western Scotland, Wales and the west and south-west of England will quickly spread eastwards, turning heavy for a while. Northern heland will soon brighten up, leaving a mixture of sunny spells and showers, some of them heavy with thunder possible later. That brighter, showery weather will also replace the rain over Vibles, north-west England and south-west Scotland

Outlook for the next few days Rain will be slow to clear from the east and south-east of England tomorrow morning but elsewhere it will be bright with sunny spells and showers. Most of the chowers will be over western Scotland and Northern reland, and some of them will be heavy and perhaps thundary. On Sunday and Monday there will be curry spells and showers everywhere, with the odd heavy burst, but Tuesday should be dry almost everywhere

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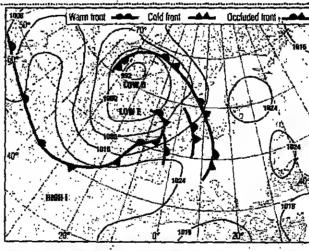
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#### MICHAEL HANLON WEATHER WISE

A GOOD thunderstorm never fails to impress. I have never been fortunate enough to witness a tornado or a hurricane (and no, the storm of October 1987 was not a hurricane), but I have seen a few breathtaking thunderstorms - probably the most violent meteorological phenomenon common in the mid-latitudes.

Thunder is the sound made by electric arcing (lightning) which occurs between charged clouds, or between clouds and the ground. How the clouds -. or rather the particles of icc and droplets of water which form them - acquire this charge is highly complex and a matter of some debate, but

it certainly depends on a great deal of upward and downward movement of warm moist air. Thus, thunderstorms are most common in summer, and when humid air is forced to rise rapidly over mountains.

Collisions between splintered ice crystals and warmer pellets of soft hail in the turhulent air of the thunder cloud can create charge. Lightning flashes actually have two parts. One stroke (the lender) carries charge from cloud to earth: the other (the return stroke) reverses the process; each last about a tenth of a second. Other flashes can occur within or between clouds.

What you see is light produced by the extreme heating of highly ionised air around the path of charge transfer. What you hear is the explosive expansion of air around the heated arc. Most people talk about "sheet lightning", believing this to be a furm distinct from "forked lightning". In fact, the former is just the

reflection of the latter. Lightning can kill - a dozen or so people every year die in thunderstorms in Britain.

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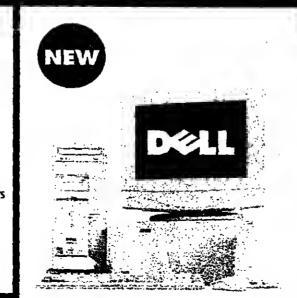
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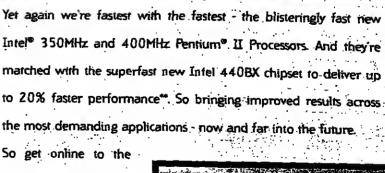
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# . Leave us to grieve in peace -Sir Paul

SIR PAUL MCCARTNEY yes. California, where the couple terday appealed to be left in were holidaying. But when the peace and for the remote US desert ranch where his wife died to remain private.

the Arizona property had been ner's officers, that her death the family's one place where, over the past 20 years, they could live anonymously.

"Our family has received many beautiful messages of sympathy from ordinary people around the world," he said. "Reading their messages: we know that ordinary people



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Sir Paul: Issued personal request to be left alone.

would want our request for. simple privacy to be respected. This is a personal request from

His statement came as his spokesman Geoff Baker said he had no regrets about deliberately misleading the public over the circumstances of Linda's

ing to do with the McCartneys. It was my decision, he said. 1said she had died in Santa Barbara, because if I had said. derstand that this tragic family and death certificates. needs this privacy."

the circumstances of Lady Me ... not drop their inquiries into

coroner's office said it had not received a death certificate there was speculation, fuelled In a statement, Sir Paul said largely by statements from coromay have been assisted. ... It transpired on Wednes-

that the former Beatle's wife had died in Santa Barbara,

day that the 56-year-old had actually died at the family's ranch near Tucson, Arizona The. writer Carla Lane, a family friend, said yesterday it was the place she "loved above all places".

Mr Baker said: "Morally I have done nothing wrong and legally I have done nothing wrong. I am just trying to keep this family together."

To dispel rumours about the assisted death" Mr Baker said Lady McCartney's specialist, Dr Larry Norton, would confirm her death had been natural.

Dr Norton, head of solid tumour oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York, yesterday declined to comment hut a statement issued by the hospital said: "Dr Norton ... was Linda McCartney's primary medical oncologist. It is his medical opinion that she died of natural causes with metastatic breast

However, the hospital admitted that Dr Norton had not been present at her death or did not know how he had reached his opinion. It declined to say whether Dr Norton had been. "It was a decoy. It was noth- treating her in the weeks preceding her death.

It was also claimed yesterday that a death certificate had been signed by a cancer spewhere she died it would have cialist from the University of been overrun straight away and ... Arizona. Unlike California, Arithey needed time because of - zona is a "closed record state" their grief to come back in pri- which means there is no rewill acknowledge and fully un. reveal documents such as birth

Despite this, investigators at There had previously been the Santa Barbara County Sherwidespread speculation about iff's Department said they could Cartney's death and even claims Lady McCartney's death until that it had been "assisted". they had independent confir-It was originally reported ... mation of where she died.



### Pulling out the stops to keep Abbey on song

Martin Neary's career, writes Clare Garner. As Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey he was responsible for the musical direction of the service, and his success in doing so - at such short notice was acknowledged by the Queen, who afterwards awarded him a Lieutenant

Royal Victorian Order. No one could have predicted that six months later he would be out of a job, dismissed from the post he had held for the past ten years. Ironically, it falls to the Queen to decide whether he should be reinstated.

Dr Neary, 58, and his wife, Penny, 54; who was employed as the Abbey concerts secretary, were dismissed on Wednesday for gross misconduct. Their salaries were stopped immediately and they were ordered to move out of their bome in the Abbey Cloisters, where they have lived for the past decade.

The couple are understood to be in an "extremely fragile" state, but are being sustained by the sheer volume of support from friends, colleagues and politicians. They have been swamped with letters from the par-

THE funeral of Diana, the Princess ents of choirboys; Conservative MPs of Wales, was the high point in Dr John Gummer and Robert Key were yesterday expected to ask questions in the House on the subject.

"They've gone through bell in the last eight weeks" said Trevor Ford, whose two sons are in the Abbey choir. "They are mystified as to how, when a new Dean arrives, they have

transformation into people who are not to be trusted." The allegations against the Nearys concern their setting up of a company, Neary Music Limited, to handle

somehow undergone some strange

The Dean, the Very Reverend Wesley Carr, has accused the Nearys of taking advantage of their position "to further their own financial gain."

A number of prominent ligures

attempted to intervene to settle

what the Nearys claim was sim-

ply a misunderstanding by the

MP John Gummer, who has

known Dr Neary since they were

students together at Cambridge,

monies from non-Abbey events.

MARTIN NEARY

IN THE NEWS

Nothing according to Mr Ford could be further from the truth. "They have done more than they ever needed to for that place (the Abbey). The benefits to the Abbey, not just financial, have been enormous, culminating in the service for Diana."

Neary Music Limited, was, he said "purely an administrative vehicle", set up following an earlier arrangement in 1994 with Abbey staff and an auditor who have since left. Dr Carr was appointed Dean a year ago. He was

THE WOULD-BE RESCUERS Wetherill all offered to arbitrate DIANA'S MUSIC

HAPPIER DAYS

neral was I Vow To Thee My Country, The King Of Love My Dr Neary married Penny in 1967. They Shephord is, and Hallelujah, Moy Flights of Angels Sing Thee to Thy have one son and two daughters. One Rest, Elegy by George Thalbendaughter; Alice, who is in her 20s, is a well-known cellist and the other. Ball, prelude on the hymn tune Nicola, also in her 20s, is a doctor. Dr Rhosynedre, and choral prelude: Ich ruf'zu dir, Her Jesu Christ. the Dean of Guilford and Lord Neary's hobby is warching cricket.

previous Dean of Bristol. During his ond time - the only person ever to rime there, both the organist and the have been afforded that privilege. As headmaster of the choir school were a boy. Dr Neary was in the choir of

record. Before coming to Westminster with what it is like to be a choirboy, Abbey he was Master of the Choris- a quality which is greatly appreciated ters at Winchester Cathedral for 15 by parents and choirboys alike.

time, the Right Reverend John Tay- mad in addition to their ordinary acalor, wrote a letter to the Times earli- demic carcers, so they need someone er this month which read "I can testify to his (Dr Neary's) absolute in- boys are like. He leads them by extegrity, his loyalty to his team and the ample rather than by driving them. essentially spiritual motivation of his

Dr Neary is currently president of the Royal College of Organists, having been elected president for a sec-

the Chapel Royal and sang at the Dr Neary has an impeccable track Coronation. He has never lost touch

"He's extremely caring to the The Bishop of Winchester at that boys" said Mr Ford. "They work like there who actually understands what They are missing him enormous-

ly. They are extremely mystified by what's going on - he hasn't been allowed to speak to them."

Dr and Mrs Neary are going to appeal to the Queen and Abbey canons respectively. The process could take up to three months, during which time they will remain at their home in the Abbey Cloisters, but unable to speak to any staff at the Abbey.

"Presently they are out of context, surrounded by enemies, unemployed and unpaid," said Mr Ford, "They do not understand how, after acting in the hest interests of the Abbey through-out, they can be treated in this way."

### Jet-lag remedy can lead to convulsions in children

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

TWO SUPPLEMENTS sold over the counter in health-food shops have caused severe reactions in some people researchers have found. Melatonia, the hormonal

treatment adopted by the jet set . for jet tag, sleeplessness and loss of energy, triggered convulsions in vulnerable children. Doctors at the Sleep Medi-

cine Centre of the Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago in the United States, gave the homeone to six disabled children who had trouble sleeping. They reasoned that since melatonin had been used for a variety of frequently have severe, longstanding sleep complaints.

They found that the treatment helped the children to sleep but increased the frequency of fits they suffered. As soon as the hormone was stopped, the fits either disappeared or their frequency returned to normal. . rned to normal.

Although the children were

prone to fits because of their brain damage, Dr Stephen Sheldon and colleagues say in the Lancet medical journal: that the "possible pro-convulsant effect". should be investigated because of the ease with which melatonin can be obtained. The hormone has been officially banned in

effects, it might help children Britain but is still on open sale with neurological problems who in some health-food shops and is widely sold in the US.

In a separate study, doctors from Hope Hospital, Salford, Greater Manchester, describe the case of a sportsman who took the food supplement creatinine to boost his athletic performance. The man had a kidney problem which worsened suddenly after he began taking it but improved again when he stopped.

The researchers say that creatinine, which helps build up the muscles, has been linked with the deaths of three American wrestlers but is freely available over the counter in Britain. Doctors should be aware that it is used at "excessive doses" by some individuals, they say.



Cutting the gags: Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, who are to star in a new version of Rondall and Hopkirk (Deceased)

#### Comics add surreal touch to revival of Sixties detective series

By Paul McCann Media Editor

THE trend for nostalgia television continued apace yesterday with the confirmation that the surrealist comics, Vic Reeves and Boh Mortimer, are to star in a new version of Seventies detective series Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased).

Reeves will play the whitesuited, ghost detective Marty Hopkirk, a ghost famous for walking through walls hut standing by helpless while his living partner. Jeff Randall, gets beaten up.

The series is being written by Fast Show star Charlie Higson after originally being worked on by the writer James McInnes

makers of Four Weddings and a Funeral, for the BBC which has ordered six 50-minute scripts. PolyGram bought the rights from Lord Grade's ITC television library and is using a loan from the European Media Two programme to fund development of the series.

"It's very much in the comedy-drama mould like Jonathan Creek and things like that," said Caroline Chignall, agent to Reeves and Mortimer. "You won't get gags per se. It's in the very early stages at the moment. The scripts are still being written and they won't give the final go-ahead until they have

last year. It is being made by the do it and they were very hig fans television arm of PolyGram, of the original series."

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The original series, inspired by the Noel Coward play. Blithe Spirit, was produced by Dennis Spooner, who made the other cult detective hit of the late Sixties. Department S. It ran from 1969 to 1971 and starred Kenneth Cope - formerly a Coronation Street actor - as Marty the detective killed in the first episode in a car accident. He hangs around to help his widow

and his partner to solve crimes. Reeves and Mortimer are famous for weird, but hilarious comedy shows like The Smell of Reeves and Morinner and Shooting Stars. Charlie Higson, has been writing skits for them seen them. But they are keen to since the mid-Eighties.



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# New measures to curb overuse of antibiotics

Health Editor

MEASURES to curb the overuse of antibiotics were signalled by the Government's Chief Medical Officer yesterday as medical organisations warned that the world was in danger of losing its most important pharmacological weapon against disease.

Millions of tons of antibiotics had been released on the planet in the last 50 years, and the world was now bathed in a dilute solution of the drugs. But instead of destroying all microbes they had become resistant.

Sir Kenneth Calman said a major government review of the problem of growing bacterial resistance caused by antibiotic overuse would be published

He said he expected it to echo the findings of the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee, chaired by Lord Soulsby, which on Wednesday warned that we were in danger of slipping back to the pre-antibiotic era as diseases emerged which were untreatable.

Speaking on the Radio 4 Today programme. Sir Kenneth said: "I think it's almost exactly in line with Lord Soulsby's

committee and I think it will be a series of very strong recommendations to GPs and hospital doctors about the proper use of antibiotics."

People had to understand that they did not need an antibiotic every time they went to

Hospitals affected each month by MRSA\* 1993 94 95 96 97

the doctor with a cough and a cold, he added. The drugs were. in any case, ineffective against

Methicilin resistant Staphylococcus aureus

In Britain, ao estimated 50 million prescriptions for antibiotics are issued by doctors every year.

Sometimes patients demand the drugs and doctors find it convenient to issue a prescription as a way of getting them out

The House of Lords report called for curbs on prescribing hy doctors, a public education campaign and restrictions on the use of antibiotics in animals.

The problem is greatest in countries such as Spain where antibiotics are freely available over the counter. International concern has been mounting for years as new signs of bacterial resistance have emerged.

Stuart Levy, director of the centre for drug resistance at Tuftes University, Boston. said: "Multidrug-resistant bacteria are increasing, patients are failing therapy and some are dying. That would have been unheard of ten years or even five years ago in some cases.

The fact that we are losing any potients with multidrug-resistant disease who would have been saved a few years ago shows we are facing a crisis."

In the United States, over one in ten cases of infection with poeumococcus bacteria is a multidrug-resistant strain.

The hug causes 2 million cases of pneumonia, more than 7 million ear infections and 3,000 cases of meningitis each year, and patients have to he given vancomycin, a powerful

"We are one antibiotic short of heing unable to treat them." Professor Levy said.

High tech: The atrium of the newly opened rail terminal at Heathrow airport. Trains

# MI6 thwarts Iranian plot to get nuclear technology

By Jason Bennetto and Fran Abrams

AGENTS from Iran have been caught trying to obtain materials and technology in Britain to build nuclear weapons abroad.

it emerged yesterday. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said last night that in the post year MI6, the Secret Intelligence Service, and the listening hase at GCHQ in Cheltenham, had "tracked Iran's nuclear weapons programme, and have enabled us to disrupt Iranian attempts to procure British technology".

He also revealed that the two intelligence services had played a "crucial role" in revealing Saddam Hussein's hiological and chemical weapons programmes in Iraq.

Iran has long been suspected of trying to obtain information and technology from Britain to help with its nuclear programme. An Israeli intelligence report has concluded that Iran is only two years awayfrom huilding a nuclear bomb, although British and US assessments suggest it would take Tehran five to 10 years.

MI5: the security service, has warned universities, colleges, and research centres about the potential dangers of providing places to foreign postgraduate students, including Iranians, who are sent to this country by their government to obtain information and skills to assist the manufacture of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons when they return home. . .

A security source yesterday. confirmed that Mr Cook was referring to successful counter-es-. pionage work carried out by British agents against Iranians attempting to obtain technology from the United Kingdom in the past year. The MI6 and GCHQ operations are undertaking 15 minutes will start running to and from Paddington in June Photograph: John Voos stood to include the prevention - icy, he said.

of efforts to smuggle materials used to build nuclear weapons. Mr Cook's comments, made

during a speech in London last night, are believed to be the first official confirmation of Iranian attempts to obtain technology in the UK and the first time a Foreign Secretary has spoken so openly about the work of MI6.

The American administration has reportedly been pressing President Boris Yeltsin to stop Russian scientists and military institutes from helping the Iranians to develop a ballistic missile that could reach Israel and Saudi Arahia. Experts from MI6, MI5,

GCHQ, Customs and Excise. and the Department of Trade. run a counter-proliferation programme aimed at preventing countries from obtaining technology and information useful in developing nuclear arms.

On the question of MI6 and GCHQ's role in providing intelligence about Iraq. Mr Cook said: "They have played a crucial role in revealing Saddam Hussein's hiological and chemical weapons programmes, and his continuing ambitions to stockpile these weapons of mass destruction. Mr Cook who was accom-

panied by his new wife, Gaynor. at the City of London's Easter Banquet, also praised the work by the security services in helping Customs and police to seize tonnes of drugs and make dozens of arrests as well as protecting the financial sector from money launderers and fraudsters.

Mr Cook said he had been impressed by the work of the security services during Labour's first year in office:

He also used his speech to mount a defence of Britain's new ethical foreign policy. The Government had proved that there was a "Third Way" in foreign as well as in domestic pol-

### India flight beats queues in NHS

India to avoid NHS queues, year for a cataract operation." writes Diana Blamires.

Noel Martin paid £60 for the nperation - which he said would in September last year about have cost around £3.000 at a private haspital to Britain.

The 70-year-old, from a specialist in mid-January. Chertsey, in Surrey, said he would return to lodia if he ever

needs freatment again. "I was

Mr Martin, who was born and raised in India, saw his GP and had an appointment to see

He was told a private oper-

A PENSIONER sick of waiting expecting to wait a long time - right eye had deteriorated and for a cataract operation flew to my brother waited more than a he decided to take a £330 flight to India. The operation was performed at a clinic in Ajmer, 300 miles south of Delbi.

Dr Rachell Tyndall, deputy the cataract in his right eye. chief executive of West Surrey Health Authority, said: "The maximum waiting time for routine non-urgent cataract operation would cost £2,000-£3,000. ations at the four hospitals in In January the sight in his West Surrey is 18 months."

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Close shave: Neil Kinnock standing by the wreckage of his car after it careered

off the road in 1983. He said a seat belt saved his

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#### Bleak times in Birtland

FOR the past few years staff at the BBC have been leaking amusing examples of a soulless bureaucratic language called "Birtspeak" to Private Eve and other places. No doubt this struck the BBC Director-General John Birt as childish ridicule of perfectly sound modern corporate English usage. However, the latest issue of Ariel, the BBC'a in-house magazine, offers definitive proof in Birt's own words that such a heartless language exists. Offering gushing praise (in Birtland terms) for Rupert Gavin, the newly appointed chief executive of BBC Worldwide. John Birt is quoted as saying, "RG's experience in creative etc make him perfect for the job".

#### Master stroke for Hansen

BEFORE we leave the BBC, Pandora is concerned to hear reports of outrage amongst some of the most established television broadcasters at the corporation's sports division. Apparently Alan Hansen, the former Liverpool FC captain who now regularly occupies a pundit's chair on Match of the Day. has been given the plum assignment of hosting a documentary history of the Masters golf tournament at Augusta National. Why pick a footballer to front a programme on golf? Some observers say the BBC was concerned in case the popular Hansen might be thinking of jumping ship to ITV.

#### Peerless performance

MEMBERS of the House of Lords become rather huffy when the issue of their absenteeism is raised. Pandora is afraid that they will have nowhere to run when confronted by the latest shocking example of their non-appearance. Fifteen Members of Parliament, including new Labour MPs Jim Murphy and Jim Fitzgerald, arrived at the splendid training ground of Charlton FC recently expecting to play the Lords' first XI. But their Lordships failed to show. "It's another nail in their coffin,." said Alan Simpson, star striker of the MPs' team.

#### When it finally hit the fan

AFTER all these years of talking about it, the world's worst apocryphal event has finally happened. It took place in a court room in Colombo, Sri Lanka last week. The man in the dock, Subasinghe Premasiri, was accused of stealing five gas cookers. Hiddeo in his pocket was a plastic bag of excrement. Suddeoly, the prisoner revealed his surprise package and attempted to throw it at a police officer. He missed, however, and it hit a courtroom fan instead. The trial had to be adjourned so that everyone could wash and change their clothes. Pandora is pleased to report that, after the adjournment, the perpetrator was found guilty of contempt and senteoced to eight months.

# Kinnock plea to cut road deaths

Transport Correspondent

HUNDREDS of lives could be saved on the nation's roads if British car passengers were to belt up in the back, according to European transport commissioner Neil Kinnock.

In an exclusive interview with The Independent, Mr Kinnock said the "level of adherence" to the law-which smce. 1991 has required passengers in the back to wear seat helts - is less than 60 per cent in Britain.

This is better than most countries on the Continent but worse than Sweden, where more than four-fifths of passengers in the back wear belis. Mr Kinnock also acknowledged that enforcement of the law is better in Britain than abroad.

"We do get testimony from Greek police officers and we believe them - but there are no reliable figures on how well the law is enforced in Europe. However, the enforcement levels are reflected in the levels of adherence," said Mr Kinnock. Seat belts saved Mr Kin-

nock's life on two occasions. The most memorable was on the night of 12 July 1983. As he sped along the M4 from his South Wales constituency to the Commons for a dehate on hanging, his Ford Sierra overturned and careered 100 yards before stopping in a mangled heap. Mr Kinnock emerged unscathed from a shartered

The commissioner is in Britain to launch a safety drive today aimed at asking motorists to make simple checks - such as adjusting head restraints and using seat belts to reduce the 45,000 death toll

Many motorists are killed by "impact weight" - the force

on Europe's roads.

generated by objects that fly through the car as it is violently brought to a stop. An analysis of police accident reports released today will show that at least 46 front seat car occupants are killed every year in the UK in car crashes by rear seat passengers flung forward by the force of the impact.

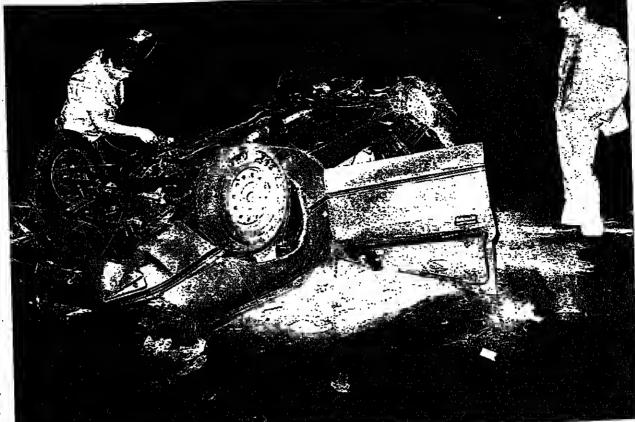
British ministers confirmed to The Independent that they were considering launching a campaign of random police stops where passengers in the rear would face on-the-spot £20 fines for not belting up.

Mr Kinnock is a vocal advocate of seat belts. "I used to attach the things even when I

was a student and drove old bangers," said Mr Kinnock yesterday, "It certainly saved my life then." He has also seen the mayhem that not wearing belts can cause. In 1989, the then Labour leader found himself in an "ancient Mercedes limo"

driver collapsed with a heart attack. "I only had seconds but

dived across to protect Glenys." said Mr Kinnock, "I was okay but Glenys ended up with no skin on her leg – it was just bare bone, I am sure that would not have been the case if we had scat belts fitted."



# Catalogue of misconduct by university chiefs revealed

By Ben Russell Education Correspondent

university heads.

NATIONAL Audit Office officials called for universities to give extra protection to whistleblowers yesterday after revealing a catalogue of alleged

A report by the NAO out-

lines a striog of allegations made against the priocipal of Glasgow Caledonian University, Professor Stan Mason, after an investigation centred on allegations of "jobs for the boys" and claims about Professor Mason's two company cars. In three cases, the report

miscoodnet by a former said, Professor Masoo had abused his authority over the ap-

cluding his daughter-in-law, to

Two other staff members were also criticised over the af-

In another case, the NAO report said Professor Mason had acted improperly by having "more or less exclusive use" of

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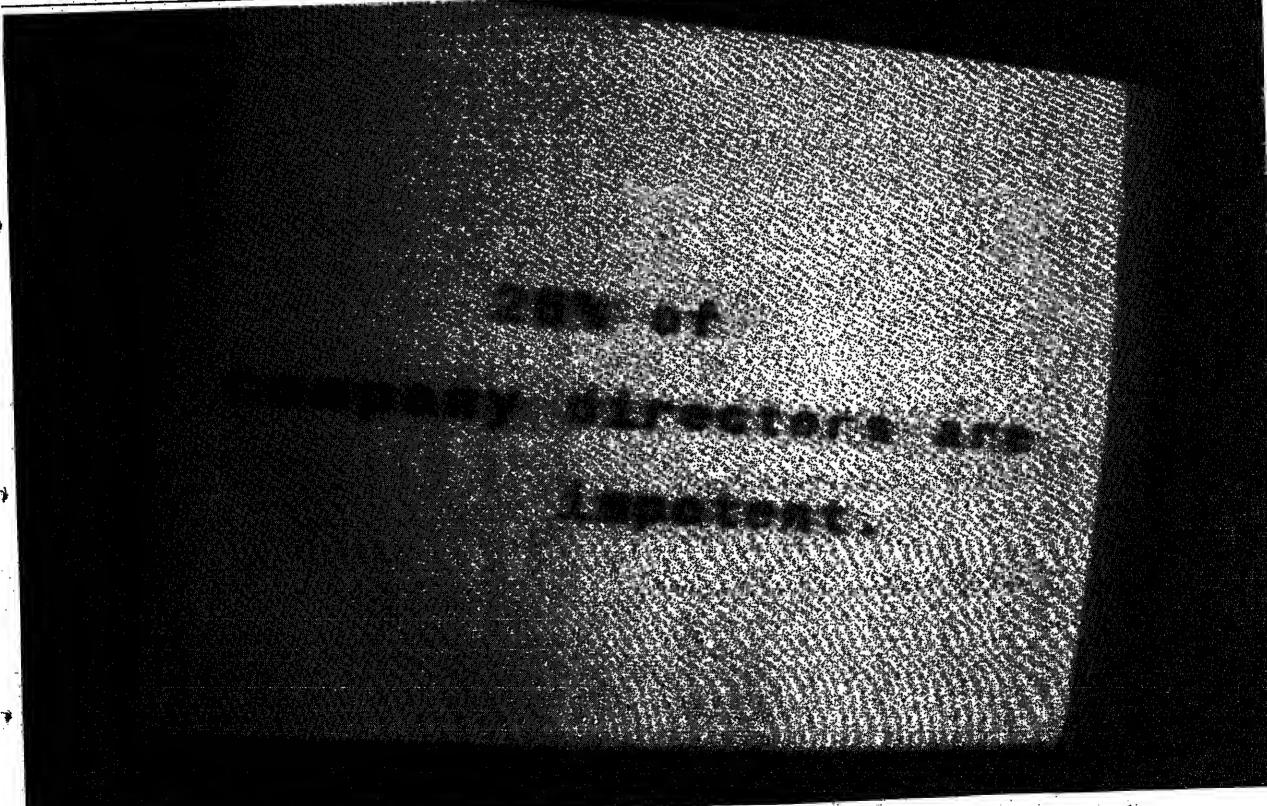
way to Dublin airport when the

The university was ordered to recover more than £50,000 for the use of the two company cars and ask him to pay back the £2,500 "garaging fee".

David Davis, chairman of the Commons Public Accounts clined to common last night.

than it was worth. He later sold Committee, said: "What conthe Jaguar for £20,500, about cerns me most is not so much the detail of what went wrong. but that the checks and balances which should prevent these problems arising and protect public money were absent.

Professor Masoo, who denied the claims, was sacked in September. The university de-



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# **Bloody clues missed** by Lawrence police

THE SUSPECTED killers of black teenager Stephen Lawrence may have left a house carrying bags of bloody clothing under the noses of a police surveillance team, the inquiry into his killing was told yesterday.

Peter Finch, a civilian photographer with the Metropolitan Police. watched two suspects currying black plastic bags emerge from a house under observation on consecutive days. but did nothing because he did not have a mobile telephone.

The inquiry was told that surveillance teams covering all southeast London had just one mobile telephone between them at the time of the murder. A senior officer had asked for mobiles and bleepers but evidence could have been lost. was told there was not enough cash.

Stephen Lawrence, 18, was stabbed to death in a racially motiever been convicted of the killing. Four days after the murder. Mr and there should have been," Finch was with Constable Victor Smith setting up his camera equipment when a white man carrying a bag left the house where Neil and Jamie Acourt lived, got into a car and left. only person with a mobile phone. But

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clothes for dry cleaning, but did not tell senior officers to follow the carbecause they did not have a telephone, the inquiry beard.

The next day Mr Finch was alone and photographed Neil Acourt coming out of his home carrying a black plastic bag, but again no immediate action was taken.

In a statement Mr Finch, who has worked for the police force for 16 years, said senior officers had not given him any instructions other than to hand in his photos as soon as possible. But a leading member of the force intelligence bureau. Detective Inspector Clifford Davies, said vital He said: "I see obviously the in-

ference of clothing in a black paper bag, particularly because we were vated attack in Eltham, south-east talking about a murder inquiry and London, on 22 April 1993. No one has the possibility of bloodstained clothing ... There was no communication

The inquiry heard that Detective Sergeant Stephen Knight, leader of the surveillance team which covered south-east London, was usually the

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The two men said it looked like he did not start work on the case until five days after the murder, because he had been on annual leave.

Asked by the Bishop of Stepney, the Right Rev John Sentamu, a member of the inquiry board, if the suspect could have been followed, Mr Davies said: "It's very difficult for one man to follow a car."

The inquiry was told yesterday that the investigation was hampered because of a lack of resources. Mr Knight said no one had watched the Acourts' house because the surveillance team was short-staffed. But documents filled in by members of the team said the house had been watched and no one had left it. The surveillance operation was

criticised by Phil Pitham, a former head of training at the Regional Crime Squad National Training Centre. He said important procedures appeared to have been neglected and important documents were missing.

Neil Acourt, 22, Gary Dobson, 22. and Luke Knight. 20, were cleared at the Old Bailey in 1996 of killing Stephen. The cases of Jamie Acoust. 21, and Dave Norris, 21, never came to trial. The inquiry continues.

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Photograph: Martin Giffeather The ship had sailed from South Africa and was searched for a suspected cargo of cannabis

# Prisons chief urged to Inquiry quit over race claim

By lan Burrell Home Affairs Correspondent

RICHARD TILT, the directorgeneral of the Prison Service, faced mounting pressure to stand down yesterday as six Labour MPs called for him to resign over remarks he made bout black prisoners.

A demonstration was staged yesterday outside the Home Office at which a letter was handed in to Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, expressing grave concerns regarding the racist treatment of black people in British prisons".

The letter from the National Assembly against Racism was signed by Labour MPs Oona King, Ken Livingstone, Piara Khabra and Dennis Skinner.

It read: "We believe that Richard Tilt must now either resign or be removed from his post by the Home Office and replaced by someone who can command the confidence of the black communities in consystem.

The demonstration followed claims made by Mr Tilt in a television interview that a genetic 1995 of seven inmates who

made it more likely that black

Tilt: Accused of eroding credibility of Prison Service

disposition made black people more likely to suffocate while being restrained.

But yesterday Mr Straw placed a report in the House of Commons which appeared to undermine the hasis for Mr Tilt's comments.

The Prison Service report, entitled "Deaths in Custody Associated with Physical and Mechanical Restraint", was written in February 1996, after

were being restrained. Six of the prisoners were Afro-Caribbean. Mr Tilt had said a genetic disposition to sickle cell disease

people would die from "positional asphyxia" while being restrained. But the report states: "There is no apparent reason at this stage why the deceased should

be primarily of African or African-Caribbean origin." The findings prompted a further letter signed by black Labour MPs Bernie Grant, Di-

ane Abbon and Oona King, again calling on Mr Straw to sack Mr Tilt. Mr Grant accused the prison service director of "twisting the facts". He said: "He has erod-

ed the credibility of the prison service still further in the eyes of the black community and reemphasised its contempt for black life. He should not stay in post a moment longer." Mr Tilt's comments, carlier

this month, followed an inquest into the death of black remand inmate Alton Marining at Blakenhurst prison in 1995. the deaths between 1989 and The inquest returned a verdict of unlawful killing.

# into E.coli told of lies

ose out New Fo

AN investigation into the world's worst outbreak of E. coli O157 food poisoning in Scotland was hampered because butcher John Barr lied about the extent of his meat distribution business, an inquiry was fold yesterday.

It was claimed that Mr Barr, whose shop in Wisham, Strathclyde, was believed to be the cause of the outbreak in November 1996 which claimed 21 lives, gave public health officials "inaccurate information".

Giving evidence on the fourth day of the fatal accident inquiry consultant in public health medicine Dr Sayd Ahmed said Mr Barr had told them be supplied only to a few caterers. It was only after numerous people had fallen ill and hospicals were almost full to capacity, Dr Ahmed said, that health investigators were informed of other ontiets supplied by Mr Bark

When asked why it had taken his team so long to publish a list of all the outlets. Dr Ahmed said they bad under taken a risk assessment and decided against it. -

The inquiry in Motherwell. Lanarkshire, continues.

### Hysteria 'wrecking paedophile policy'

By Diana Blamires

EXISTING powers to deal with sex offenders coming out of jail cannot cope with highprofile cases like that of child killer Sidney Cooke, the Home

Office has warned. Powers already given to police forces and probation staff to force offenders to register and undergo risk assessments worked in "99 per cent of cases". However, the strategy collapsed when public "hysteria" meant paedophiles could not be found a place to live.

A Home Office spokesman said yesterday: "The things that are in place put the onus on people to grasp the problem locally and that works for 99 per cent of cases, but there are some cases that attract such huge attention, that exacerbates the problem and makes it very difficult for people to grasp it locally and find suitable accommodation for these high-profile cases. It's then that they don't work.

The strategy is working with Sidney Cooke. Cooke is not in a position to harm anybody."

Cooke, 71, is being held at a police station in the Somerset and Avon area while authorities

decide what to do with him. The Home Office admitted there was no public confidence in existing powers to deal with paedophiles. A spokesman said: "There seems to be a gap in

what people think is being done and what is being done. If you look beyond the hysteria about individual cases, it's ironic that this Government has probably done more than any other to deal with this problem." The Liberal Democrat

leader Paddy Ashdown, who is MP for Yeovil, said Cooke now posed no danger to local children as he had agreed to be put under close police custody, and added that the police needed help and assistance. He said: "That is not helped if this matter is allowed to dip down into a mood of hysteria and panic."

Home Office minister Alun Michael warned that people such as Cooke could, if they faced a similar public reaction, go underground - and pose a real threat to children.

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# One firm in eight fails to tackle the 2000 bug

Science and Technology Editor

ONE in eight British businesses has taken no action to tackle the computer "millennium bug". and almost all have no intention of doing so - despite the fact that another one in ten companies is already experiencing problems caused by it.

The indifference "beggars belief" according to Don Cruickshank, head of the Goverument's Action 2000 group. which aims to help firms tackle the problem. Yet it is widespread among small farms and agricultural distributors where one-third of companies are doing nothing - followed by builders and trucking firms.

By comparison, many hospitals are planning to double their staff over the millennium evening and to have spare re-

sources if the failures predicted by some observers - such as airconditioning and electricity occur. "That's not like the contingency plan for other major incidents, because you don't know when those are going to arrive," said Mr Cruickshank.

He warned the companies which are ignoring warnings that there was "no simple solunon that's going to come along that they can just pick up -and the real solution will cost more the longer you wait". The cost of fixing the problem, whose extent is impossible to estimate, would rise rapidly.

But, he added, those who hoped the problem would pass them by would find customers leaving and auditors refusing to sign off their accounts.

A number of companies are already having problems caused by the bug, which is tripped

when a program tries to deal with dates beyond December 1999 - because many computers store the year as a two-figure number and so cannot discern between the 20th and 21st centuries.

Some have arisen in NHS administrative systems, such as those which advise patients of recall dates for breast cancer screening.

But most have occurred in financial planning involving spreadsheets and accountancy procedures, said Gwyneth Flower, director of Action 2000.

"This suggests something we knew already - that as companies move into detailed budgeting that crosses into 2000. there will be a higher incidence of problems," said Ms Flower. But there's also an insidious nature to it because you don't know if there might be

other mistakes you've missed."

Mr Cruickshank praised Tony Blair's efforts in publicising the problem. After the Prime Minister's speech last month in which he emphasised the risks posed by the bug, the Action 2000 horline received 10,000 calls a day - 25 times more than its normal level.

"As a mechanism for getting something done and agreeing hudgers, a Prime Minister's speech has a lot to recommend it," said Mr Cruickshank. The issue is now dealt with hy a Cabinet Office committee and since Mr Blair's speech "altendance is by more senior people and it's more regular. Nobody is going to say companies like BT and Unilever are spending £400m a year on a problem that doesn't exist." The Action 2000 horline is

# South Downs lose out to New Forest

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NATIONAL Park status should be conferred on the New Forest, but not on the South Downs, the Countryside Commission recommended yesterday.

The Government's landscape advisory body voted in favour of proposing that the ments New Forest should enjoy the same protection and prestige as the nation's National Parks, but should not actually become one.

A spokesperson for the Countryside Commission said: "We will recommend tailormade legislation which will be of the New Forest than would be the case if it were to be a National Park.

At a meeting in Leeds yesterday, nine commissioners also

'The South -Downs has more visitors than any National Park'

voted in favour of a proposal, revealed exclusively by The Independent on Monday, to keep the South Downs as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The 50 mile range of chalk hills, which runs from Eastbourne in East Sussex to Winchester in Hampshire, should be the responsibility of a new authority armed with special new powers, the commission will

The South Downs Campaign Group, which takes in 15 local and national bodies including the Council for the Protection of Rural England and the Council for National Parks, reacted anguly yesterday.

Amanda Nobbs, the group's spokeswoman, said: This is hard to believe when you consider that 62 per cent of the public called for the South Downs to have National Park status, compared with 18 per cent who opposed it.

"The commission said that National Park status would confer more than the required powers on the South Downs even though it is one of the most vulnerable landscapes in the country. They are saying that it doesn't qualify for the status but. it meets all the legal require-

"We are calling on Michael Meacher, the environment minister, to listen to what people are saying, rather than what the Countryside : Commission claims."

Elizabeth Cooper, rural policy officer at the Council for the more appropriate to the needs Protection of Rural England, said: "They may have something up their sleeves as regards the power of the new authority.

"But I think its national importance will stand out more if it becomes one of 10 National Parks. The South Downs has more visitors than any National Park."

Chris Todd, of Friends of the Earth, said: "The Countryside Commission is serving its own interests above those of the countryside. Their credibility is being seriously called into question."

Richard Simmonds, of the Countryside Commission, insisted that yesterday's proposals, which will be put to the Government in the summer, are the best way forward.

He said: "Our recommendations are a vital practical step towards finding solubons to the management of this important area. The commission received a wide range of views and has been at pains to find the best solution, one which would be prompt and practical and which would create the most effective and workable organisation."

Meanwhile, Maldwin Drummond, chairman of the New Forest Committee, which has been pressing for proper legal protection for the area, welcomed the proposals.

He said: We would give a broad welcome to what the Countryside Commission has proposed. We are very pleased but it is up to the Government to say whether they are going to

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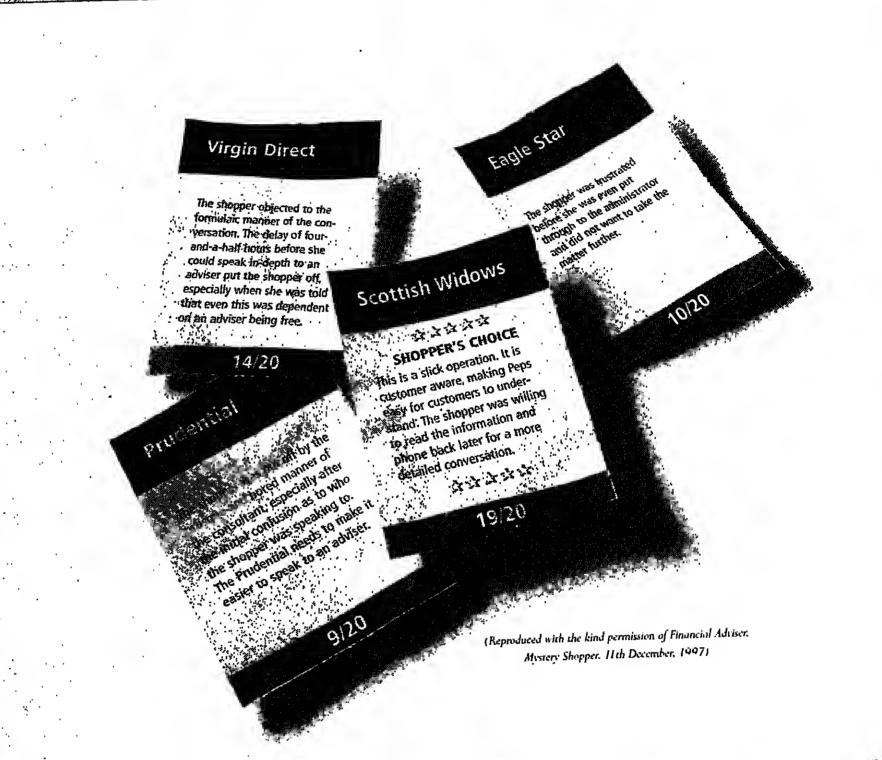
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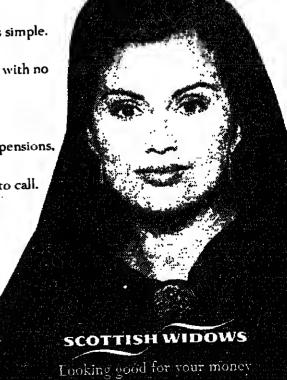
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# Tories go to war over new rules on private cash

By Colin Brown

Chief Political (Correspondent

A FRESH crackdown on MPs private earnings enraged senior warnings that it would spark a bloody battle in the House of Commons.

The MPs are angry over proposals by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. for a "significant tightening of the rules" over the declaration of members' interests.

His proposals would mean that, for the first time, MPs would have to declare all their outside earnings gained after they were elected to Parliament.

A number of former senior Tory ministers have taken on lucrative directorships since losing office on 1 May, last year. They would be forced to declare all their private earnings if the change takes place. It could also require some Tory grandees. such as Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister, and Archie Hamilton, chairman of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee of MPs, to be more ex-

interests. "It's completely uoacceptable and outrageous. said a member of William Hague's Shadow Cabinet. "It's a step towards having full-time Tory MPs last night and led to MPs It's typical of the hubris and arrogance of this government."

Other MPs last night warned there would be a "bloody row" about the rules, but a Labour spokesman welcomed the move, saying: "We want transparency and therefore we would welcome anything which clarified matters, which at the moment are murky, which might create problems, embarrassment or confusion.

The changes would have to be endorsed by a free vote in the Commons, but with Labour backing they are almost certain to be adopted. Robert Sheldon. chairman of the cross-party Standards and Privileges Committee, has written to all MPs saying that Sir Gordon found "uncertainties and inconsistencies" under the present rules, which were tightened in 1995 to disclose amounts paid for private carnings in addition to the MPs salary.

Under the existing rules, plicit in their declarations of MPs are required to declare

only those interests involving their role as MPs, Sir Archie. for example, declares he is paid up to £15,000 for a consultancy with Merrill Lynch Europe Limited, investment bankers, but says it is part of a "wider agreement" which does not have to be disclosed.

Mr Sheldon told MPs: "We think it is essential that the rules of the House should be expressed clearly ... Any rule will give rise to anomalies: the question is whether the House wishes to err on the side of more openness or less."

One former Tory minister earned a reputed film a year from 12 directorships after he was sacked from the Cabinet. but the sums involved never had to be declared, because they were not judged to be part of his role as an MP. Sir Gordon said some MPs had been criticised for "flouting the spirit of the rules".

The changes would allow MPs to avoid declaring interests which they gained before becoming MPs, but they would have to declare everything they earned from posts gained after

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From Dickens to Trotsky, Blair spells out his literary influences



Children greeting Tony Blair at the Globe Theatre in London to mark World Book Day. Mr Blair said Dickens was one of his favourite authors but

also revealed that in his student days one of his most-thumbed books was a biography of the Communist Leon Trotsky

Political Correspondent

A LABOUR MP was facing the possibility of disqualification and even a prison sentence last night after being charged with submitting false election expenses. Fiona Jones, the new-

Nottinghamshire, will appear at Nothingham Magistrates' court on 22 May, charged with an offence under the 1983 Representation of the People Act.

It is highly unusual for such charges to be brought even though allegations of election

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mon. The last recorded conviction of an MP for submitting false election expenses was in 1923. Depending on the seriousness of the allegation, which was not clear last night, she could face a possible maxi-

MP charged over election expenses

mum prison seotence of one ear or an unlimited fine. If found guilty of a corrupt practice under electoral law she could be disqualified from the House of Commons.

Mrs Jones, who is 41, won the seat from the Conservative MP Richard Alexander by 3,016 votes. Both she and her election agent, Des Whicher, who also faces prosecution, deny that the return in Newark was deliberately false in any way. The expenses were declared at £8.514, some £400 less than the permitted limit.

said the allegations against her were not serious enough to warrant her suspension from the Parliamentary Labour Party unless she is convicted. A Labour party spokesman

said both Mr Whicher, who was responsible for completing the return, and Mrs Jones denied that the return was deliberately false in any way. We wish to say that Fiona Jooes is an excellent con-

stituency MP who has fully justified the confidence placed in her by the voters of Newark constituency at the last general election," he said. Mrs Jones said she had won

the seat "fairly and squarely." The return, which is a pub-

lic document, was placed with the returning officer in good faith by the agent. In my view,

Last night Labour sources it's an honest reflection of the costs of all campaign activities covered by the Representation of the People Act. I haven't done anything wrong, and I'm disappointed at the action being taken," she said.

Mrs Jones, who is married with two children; was a journalist before becoming an MP. She was elected as one of Labour's record 101 women MPs when the party won its landslide victory last May. She was a West Lindsev district councillor from 1990 to 1994. and her special interests are employment, crime and health.

Mr Whicher, 72, said: "As far as Fiona and I are concerned. we were quite happy with the returns that were submitted. We are disappointed really that the police and CPS have taken the view they have."

### Labour looks to years in power

By Anthony Bevins Polnucal Editor

WITH his first anniversary coming up next week, Tony Blair yesterday told his Cabinet: One good year is not enough. I want five good years."

The Prime Minister, who went out of his way to praise the way in which his colleagues had "taken to government", said the first anniversary was not a time for celebration or congratulation but time to renew our efforts, continue the work in progress to deliver better schools, better bospitats, better jobs, the attack on crime".

Last night, the Prime Minister spoke at a £500-a-head fund-raising gala dinner in London. Among the business spon-. sors were John Rose, chairman of Rolls Royce; supermarket chairman David Sainsbury. Shaun Astley, managing director of Thomas Cook: Gerry Robinson, chairman of Granada: and Will Whitehorn, a director of the Virgin Group.

Trevor Nunn director of the National Theatre, and actress Barbara Windsor.

Other guests included Sir

Home to brance.

Cabinet, Mr Blair said that the

Government was preparing another action-packed legislative programme for next autumn.

We will legislate to consign the [NHS] internal market to history," he said. "We will press ahead with welfare reform, on the pensions Green Paper, the Child Support Agency reform. the report on consultation re disability benefits. There are tough choices ahead." ■ Home Office minister Mike

O'Brien is expected to announce today that a £300.000 cut in the Commission for Racial Equality's budget, planned by the last government, would be revoked. Sir Herman Ouseley is to be giv-In his political pep-talk to en a further term as commission

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Doncaster names campaign

DONCASTER councillors who are standing in next month's local elections despite being under investigation for overclaiming expenses should be named compaigners say, writes Fran Abrams.

A group called "Name the Names" will petition the Audit Commission in London today, saying voters should know whether candidates were under

suspicion or not. A district auditor's investigation has been going on for more than two years in Doncaster after allegations of junketing and of corrupt land deals. Although an interim report named four senior figures as particularly culpable, both the investigation and a parallel po-

Jean Moffat, one of the campaign's organisers, said the group had written to Tony Blair and John Prescott as well as to local MPs but had received only short, formal replies. We demand to know the names of councillors involved in irregularities in order to make an informed choice at the local election in May," she said.

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A MAN injected with growth hormone as a child gave emo- Justin Parkes, 27; the defendant tional evidence to the High-Court today about his fear of contracting CJD, the human form of "Mad Cow disease.

Former factory worker Neil. Scanlon, 36, of Ebbw Vale, Cardiff, described how be was 'devastated" when he realised be was at risk of contracting the incurable fatal disease.

Mr Scanlon, a father of two, whose wife, Mandy, was in the courtroom with him, broke down in tears in the witness box as he told Mr Justice Morland in London of how deeply his life had been affected.

Mr Scanlon is one of six people living in fear of developing CJD who are involved in a test case at the High Court, claiming damages for psychiatric injury. The court has heard that they were all "negligently" treated as children with human growth bormone from corpses. They say they have developed a psychiatric illness as a result

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The plaintiffs - Mr Scanlon; Paul Andrews, from Putney, London; David Lockhart, from Newmarket, Suffolk; Philip Johnston, from Stoke-ou-frent, Staffordshire; his sister Claire who lives near Cheadle, Staffordshire, and Justin Parkes from Essex - are representative cases for a group of 35 people treated with growth hormone after July 1, 1977, who say they about it. I already had ooe are now suffering from psychiatric illness.

In the cases of Mr Scanlon, Paul Andrews, 32, David Lockhart, 27, and Philip Johnston, 25, it was accepted by the defendant, the Secretary of State for Health, that psychiatric illness had been caused by learning of the risk of developing CJD. In those cases the dispute between the parties is over the nature and severity of the illness and the extent of damages

which may be recoverable. In the so-called "mild" cas-

es of Claire Johnston, 29, and

The CID litigation was started in 1996 by parents of children who died after being given growth hormone extracted from corpses to combat dwarfism. Between 1959 and 1985 nearly 2,000 children in the UK, whose growth was stunted because of a deficiency in the secretion of growth hormone m their pituitaries, were treated with hormone from the pituitary glands of cadavers. The programme was brought to an end in May 1985 after several children who had been treated in the US died of CID.

In July 1996 Mr Justice Morland ruled that the Department of Health was oegligent in not heeding the warning of Dr Alan Dickinson, who in 1977 told the Medical Research Council about the risk of contracting CID from the hormone treatment.

Last year, people who were giveo the hormone treatment and claim they have suffered a psychiatric illness brought on by fear of contracting the disease were given the go-ahead by the same judge to seek compensa-

Mr Scanlon, whose treatment with the growth hormone began in July 1977, said his parents received a letter in June 1992 from University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff saying that a oumber of patients who had been treated had developed CID. He did not realise the full significance of that letter, he said, adding: "I was upset, but the letter gave the impression that the risk was very small."

The court heard that the risk of contracting CJD really sank m after he watched a World in Action programme in October

He said: "I was devastated. I just couldn't stop thinking child. I thought 'Are my children going to develop it? Will I ever see them grow up?' Will it be passed oo to my wife? Can it be passed on genetically or sexu-

He left his job in April 1995 because he could not stop thinking about his family, his wife, three-year-old daughter and five-year-old son.

"I couldn't cope. It was unhearable to think that I wouldn't be spending any time with them," he said.

The bearing continues.

# Child killer is given 20 years

A DRUG addict who tortured and murdered his girlfriend's seven-year-old daughter was yesterday jailed for a minimum of 20 years.

Paul Gave, 32, was part-way through his trial at Manchester Crown Court when he changed his plea to guilty of the murder of Suzanne Rarity.

Her body was found in an upstairs bedroom of her house in Moss Side, Manchester. She had suffered more than 100 separate injuries.

Suzanne, who was found on 2? June last year, had been imdays . beaten and tortured.

Sentencing Gaye, Mr Justice Douglas Brown, said: "In the last week of her life you kept her prisoner in her room and towards the end of the week you treated her with the utmost vi-near her. Do you think if I

olence. "You tortured her, beat her, punched her and almost certainly kicked her, inflicting what a pathologist said was 100 separate init

"I regard you as not only evil, hot dangerous."

Gaye had moved in with Suzanne's mother Angela in April 1997. The court heard how he had taken control of family life. in the week before her

death Suzanne had been punished for breaking a video remote control and for allegedly lying about having a wash. The court heard that Gaye

had locked Suzanne in her room six days before her body was found. Gave kept the keys to her room and reduced conprisoned in her room for five tact between mother and daughter.

On the first day of the trial Suzanne's mother had told the court she felt unable to help. She said: "How could I protect my daughter if I couldn't get couldn't have done something to save her, I wouldn't have done it"

Suzanne died oo 20 June. Her body was found 36 hours Justice Brown praised



Bright eye: Brian Davis, chief executive of the Nationwide building society, with the world's first iris cash machine which scans a cardholder's eye for identification, thus doing away with pin numbers. The ATM began a sixth-month trial in Swindon yesterday

#### Helicopter crash leaves four dead

THREE members of the same family and another man died io a helicopter crash, it emerged yesterday. The crash happened as their Robinson R-44 crashed into woodland near Market Harbnrough, Leicestershire, late on Sunday evening.

Those who died were named as Andrew Byrne, 36, and his wife, Helen Linhart, 31, both of Desford, Leicestershire; Mrs Linbart's sister Katie Linhart, 26, nf Whitwick, Leicestershire, and James Coulter, 36. of Market Harborough.

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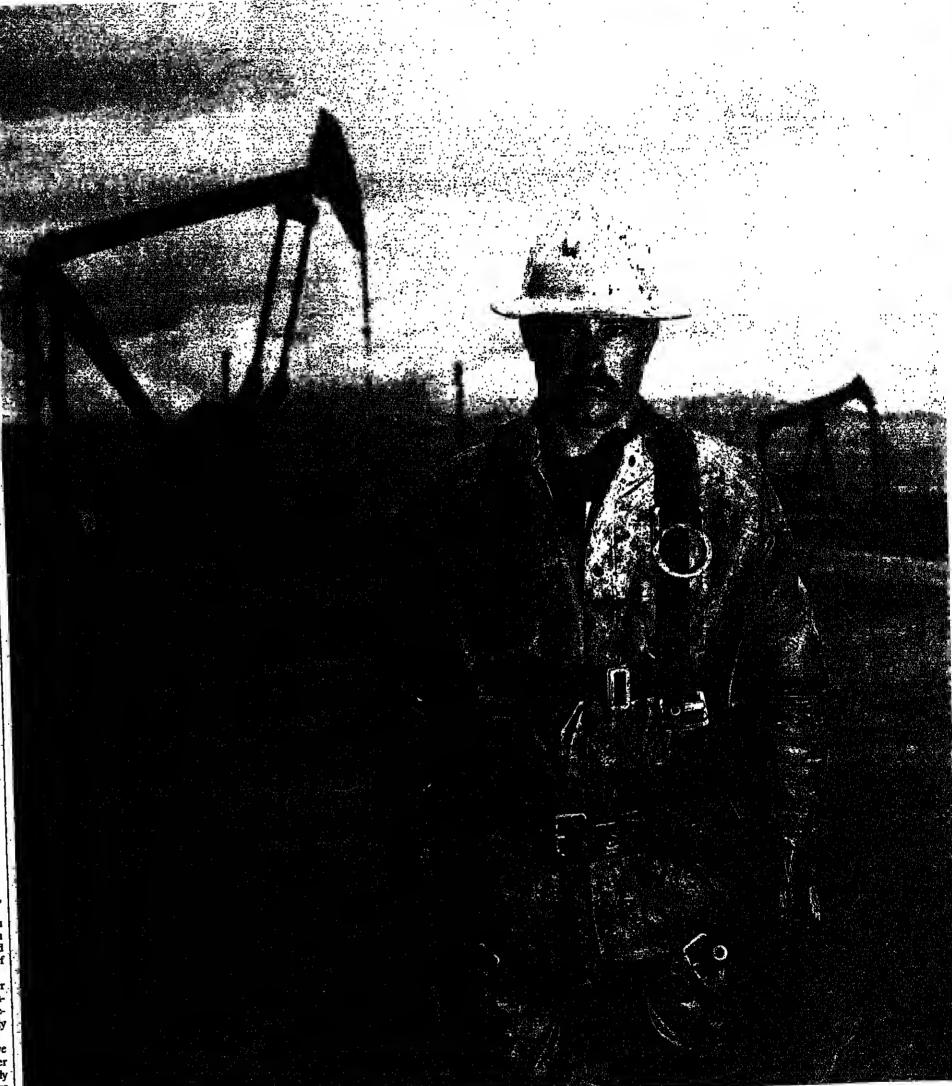
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The alarm was raised on Sunday night by local people who heard an aircraft in trouble. But an overtight search by police and mountain rescue teams failed to find the wreckage. A member of the public saw it at a remnte spot early nn Monday.

The Department of Transport's Air Accidents Investigation Branch was investigatiog the accident. The aircraft was bired from Stoughtun Airfield, Leicester. It is believed that Mr Coulter was at the controls. An inquest into the deaths was opened and adjourned yesterday. A spokesman for the family confirmed that the deaths of Andrew Byrne and Helen Linhart had left three children as orphans.



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# **UN** concerned as unrest grows in asylum centres

Home Affairs Correspondent

THERE is growing concern over unrest in Britain's detention centres, where asylum seekers are staging hunger strikes in protest at their conditions.

Prison officers wearing riot control gear have moved into dormitories to apprehend alleged ringleaders and take

them to prison. Protests this week at Haslar detention centre in Hampshire and at Rochester in Kent follow last week's criticisms by Sir David Ramsbotham, the chief inspector of prisons, of conditions at Campstield House detention centre in Oxfordshire.

Sir David warned that conditions were "unsafe" at Campsfield, where the sudden removal of two asylum seekers to prison last August was the trigger for a serious disturbance.

Last night, the London office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said it was concerned that asylum seekers were held in worse conditions in Britain than in other European Union countries. Peter

Van der Vaart, the deputy representative, said: "We also don't think that they should be held in prisons with criminals." Alasdair Mackenzie, co-chair

of the Asylum Rights Campaign, said it was "disgraceful" that asylum seckers had no redress to a formal complaints or disciplinary procedure.

He said: "An allegation is made that they are heing disruptive and they are hauled off to prison without charge or trial or any chance to defend

The protests at Haslar hegan on Sunday night and at one point more than 100 detainees - the great majority of those in the centre - were refusing food in protest at conditions and the amount of time being taken to deal with their cases.

Several contacted The Independent to complain. Charles Amichi, who had fled the civil unrest in Liberia to come to Britain, has been at Haslar for two months after heing arrested as an illegal immigrant in London. Mr Amichi, who was a political leader in Liheria. said: "Nobody is listening to us, We are very frustrated and we

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are not even allowed outside." Rockson Dua, 34, a Ghanaian, has been living in Britain for eight years, has three children in London and has been

working for London Transport. He said he was detained earlier this month after being told that his application for asylum had been cancelled". He said: "It's very, very

painful. I have never committed any crime and I have never had a penny from the Government, yet I am locked On Tuesday afternoon,

prison officers moved in and

took 10 detainees to High Down prison in Surrey and other prison establishments. The prison service said yesterday that the action had heen successful in bringing the Haslar food protest to an end. A spokesman said the 10 were removed "because they were attempting to disrupt the running

ing other detainees to do the At Rochester, three asylum seekers are in the fourth day of a hunger protest, which at one point involved 40 detainees.



Molesey, Surrey, and Kiesha Lewis, of west London, both 10, for St George's Day

# Independent schools gain more pupils

**8**y Judith Judd Education Editor

PUPIL numbers in independent schools rose by 1.6 per cent this year, helped by the expansion of the assisted-places scheme introduced by the previous govemment, according to figures

published yesterday.

The extra places on the scheme, which subsidises pupils from poor backgrounds in private schools, accounted for 40 per cent of the rise in oumbers.

The Government has abolished the scheme hut independent school heads said yesterday that they were confiot the demand for private. places would remain strong.

Figures from the annual census of 1,300 schools by the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis) show that the proportion of pupils they educate remains unchanged at about 7 per cent. During the boom of the late Eighties the figure rose to about 7.2 per cent.

The strongest growth in numbers is among nursery and primary pupils as more parents of young children go out to work. The number of secondary day pupils fell slightly and the decline in hoarding continued. Overall, the increase is the

econd largest since 1987 and s the third successive annual rise after a decline during the recession of the early Nineties. This autumn's intake will be the first to be affected by the

Government's decision to abolish the assisted-places scheme. Patrick Tohin, principal of Stewart Meiville College and Mary Erskine School, Edinburgh, and chairman of the

mistresses' conference, said: In my two schools in Edinhurgh we have seen oo sign of downturn in oumbers for next year. Schools have been pleasantly surprised that applications have not fallen."

He predicted that the type of person coming to indepeodent schools was bound to change as a result of the scheme's abolition because the poorest would not be able to afford the fees. "It is inescapable that we shall have a higger proportion of full fee-payers. However, he pointed out that many schools had set up bursaries for poorer pupils. His own had received a £4.4m bequest.

David Dinmore, hursar of Silcoates School, Wakefield, and chairman of the Independent Schools Bursars' Association, said benefactors were coming forward across the country to pay for bursaries and governors were devising imaginative ways for raising money.

Yesterday's figures, which include the vast majority of independent schools, show that the number of foreign pupils has declined for the first time in some years, partly because of the economic crisis in the Far East. Numbers from Hong Kong dropped by 20.8 per cent and from Taiwan by 11.8 per cent. But there is growing interest in British fee-paying schools in China where a successful independent school ex-

hibition was staged recently. David Woodhead, director of Isis, said: This has been another very good year for independent schools. Very strong growth through all the preschool and junior ages is particularly encouraging."

#### Nanny is given bail

THE Australian oanny who is accused in connection with the death of six-month-old Caroline Jongen was given conditional bail by an Old Bailey judge yes-

Louise Sullivan, 26 - who was not in court for the 10minute bail application - will be released on £2,500 surety to reside at an address provided to the court. Her passport must be surrendered and she must not contact her previous employer.

The namy's mother, Robyn who was in court for the application before the Recorder of London, Sir Lawrence: Verney - left without comment.

#### Whitehall paper chase

CIVIL servants in a Whitehall department who sort waste paper so it can be recycled are wasting their time, a government minister disclosed yesterday.

Giving evidence to the Green Audit committee of MPs at the Commons, John Battle, the industry minister, said he visited the Whitehall department -which he did not name - and went through the basement. and talked to the binmen responsible for moving tonnes of

"The binman said to me 'I don't know why they [the civil servants] bother to recycle it because we just chuck it in a him and burn it," he said. The practice on recycling and green issues in Whitehall was "so so bad, I wouldn't have the nerve to go out to industry and tell them how run their own show".

#### Battle to save sharks

EXPERTs at the new National Marine Aquarium are bat-tling to save six sharks which suffered hypothermia during a 24-hour flight from Florida. They are the survivors of 10

sharks delivered to the £15m Plymouth-based Aquarium earlier this month from a marine ceotre in the US.

During the 4,500-mile flight, the aircraft was delayed for three hours in a snowstorm in Amsterdam and the water temperature in the shark tanks fell to 10C. Three sandbar sharks died within 24 hours, and a nurse shark had died within the past few days, the aquarium's chief executive, Mike Leese, said yesterday. The aquarinm's head curator, Juan Romero. said the six left had an 80 per ceot chance of survival.

#### Carer quizzed over death

A WOMAN aged 31 and an 11year-old boy, thought to be her son, have been questioned in connection with the death of a baby boy. The eight-month-old child died on Wednesday in St George's Hospital, Tooting, south-west London, two days after being admitted and put on a life-support machine.

Scotland Yard said the woman was caring for the baby in her Balham home, in southwest London, while his mother was at work.

#### **Customs find** 'rare' cargo

AN illegal haul of animal carcasses was discovered during a swoop by Customs officials on a Slovenian ship berthed in Edinburgh. Stuffed alligators, a salamander and a turtle shell were found by officers who were expecting to find an illicit cargo of cannabis.

### Headmasters and Head-Blunkett promises more funds for education action zones

By Ben Russell

Education Correspondent

THE Secretary of State for Education, David Blunkett, pledged extra funding for the Government's first education action zones yesterday.

He said each of the first 25 zones would receive £750,000 public funding, which would be topped up with £250,000 private spousorship.

The first 12 zones will start operating in Sept - an increase on the fi lots originally planned the rest coming into next January.

Each zone will bring together 10 to 20 schools under a special administration able tn change teachers' coutracts and tear up parts of the na-

tinnal curriculum. Ministers are considering 60 hids for the zones and are expected to announce the first wave next mouth.

Mr Blunkett made the announcement at a local election campaign press conference. He launched a leaflet nutlining 30 Labour achievements atinu since the gener-

higher standards, delivering lifelong learning."

Mr Blunkett said he hoped the zones would produce innovations which could be used

Within the 60 bids are many examples of exciting and innovative partnerships between the public and private sectors and I am confident we have many strong candidates," Mr Blunkett

He said more zones would be considered after the result of the Government's compre hensive spending review, due



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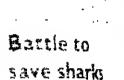
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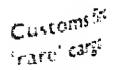
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# Netanyahu retraces Auschwitz journey

OSWIECIM, Poland (AP) -The Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu led 7,000 Jews from around the world yesterday in retracing the twomile journey from the farmer Nazi death camp, Auschwitz, to

the gas chambers at Birkenau. The "March of the Living" has for 10 years honoured the flourishing of Jewish identity over the Nazi attempt to annihilate it through the murders of 6 million Jews. This year the march has recewed significance with the 50th anniversary of Israel's founding.

Mr Netanyahu, the first 1sraeli leader to join the march, 6,000 Jewish youths and 1,000 Holocaust survivors that Israel's creation has ensured the survival of less

In Israel, sirens brought the country to a halt for two minutes at 10am in tribute to



# Outrage at escape of paedophile

BELGIUM'S justice and interior ministers resigned last night in all three countries moved after the sensational escape and recapture several hours later of one of Europe's most dangerous criminals.

A wave of horror washed over-Belgium, Luxembourg and national radio abandoned nornorthern France as the news mal programming to call on lisbroke that paedophile Marc teners to help in the search. Dutroux, awaiting trial for the slipped through the fingers of the Belgian gendarmerie.

Johan Van de Lanotte, the Interior Minister, and Stefan De .... Julien Pierre, Dutroux's Clerck, fustice Minister, hand- lawyer, said he had noticed a ed in their resignations after in- lapse in security over recent Minister Jean Luc Dehaene, of Melissa, one of Durroux's The apparent case with which eight-year-old victims, accused Dutroux got away provoked a the police of complicity. fresh round of speculation Vincent De Crilly, an Opcal complicity in the scandal.

Dutroux, in prison and unat the courthouse at Neufchateau in southern Belgium where he had been taken for interrogation wheo he made his extraordinary getaway. In farcical scenes, the heavily guard- Dutroux had taken advantage ed prisoner overpowered two policemen, grahbed an onloaded gun, ran out the front

jacked a motorist. He headed for the Luxembourg motorway at high speed.

Police and the armed forces quickly to seal the borders and search all vehicles but Dutroux managed to elude them by hijacking a series of cars. In an atmosphere of mounting crisis,

Last night Dutroux was back abduction, abuse and murder of in prison after fours hours, havat least four young girls, had . ing been tracked down in the Ardennes Forest, near the village of Saint Medard, with the aid of army helicopters.

sultations with Prime - weeks while Gino Russo, father

about possible police or politi- positioo MP who took part in a parliamentary investigation into the handling of the der if the surveillance since. Dutroux inquiry earlier this his arrest in August 1996, was year, called the development "surreal, unimaginable and

The inquiry concluded that the police and jodiciary were "dysfuoctiooal" and that of their incompetence. The ioquiry ruled any suggestion of high level protection or indoor of the huilding and hi- volvement in a paedophile ring.

# **Lebed looking** for star appeal

By Phil Reeves

IT IS one of the more unlikely double acts to grace the political stage. The players: Alain Deion, the French film star with the celebrated hair, and Alexander Lebed, the Russian ex-paratrooper general with the celebrated voice. The scene: western Siberia, naturally.

Mr Delon, star of Zorro. yesterday arrived in Krasnoyarsk to support the gravel-voiced Mr. Boris Yeltsin's audacious choice Lebed's hid to become governor of the vast region. The pride, accept his nomination, election, scheduled for Sunday, could prove decisive in Russia's future. If Mr Lebed, the former secretary of Russia's Security Council, wins, he third and final time over would be well placed to pursue his plans to run for the presidency in 2000. If he loses, his 35. chances of attracting the financial support to mount a powerful media campaign

would shrivel. Until recently, the polis suggested that the ex-general was in trouble, and that he would be tial decree until a new Duma is

es that the place will truly become the centre of Russia if he gets into the Kremlin. How much he will gain from the appearance on the scene of a French movie actor - star of scores of films from the 1960s onwards - remains to be seen. The two meo met when the latter was io Paris last year.

Russia's parliament will today decide whether to throw itself on its sword in a fit of pique over of prime minister, or swallow its and soldier on.

Crunch time has arrived for the State Duma, the lower house, which will vote for the whether to accept as premier the little-known Sergei Kiriyenko,

The outcome is critical. If the 450-member chamber repeats its last two votes on the issue, and again refuses the nomination, it will be dissolved. Boris Yeltsin would rule Russia by presideo-

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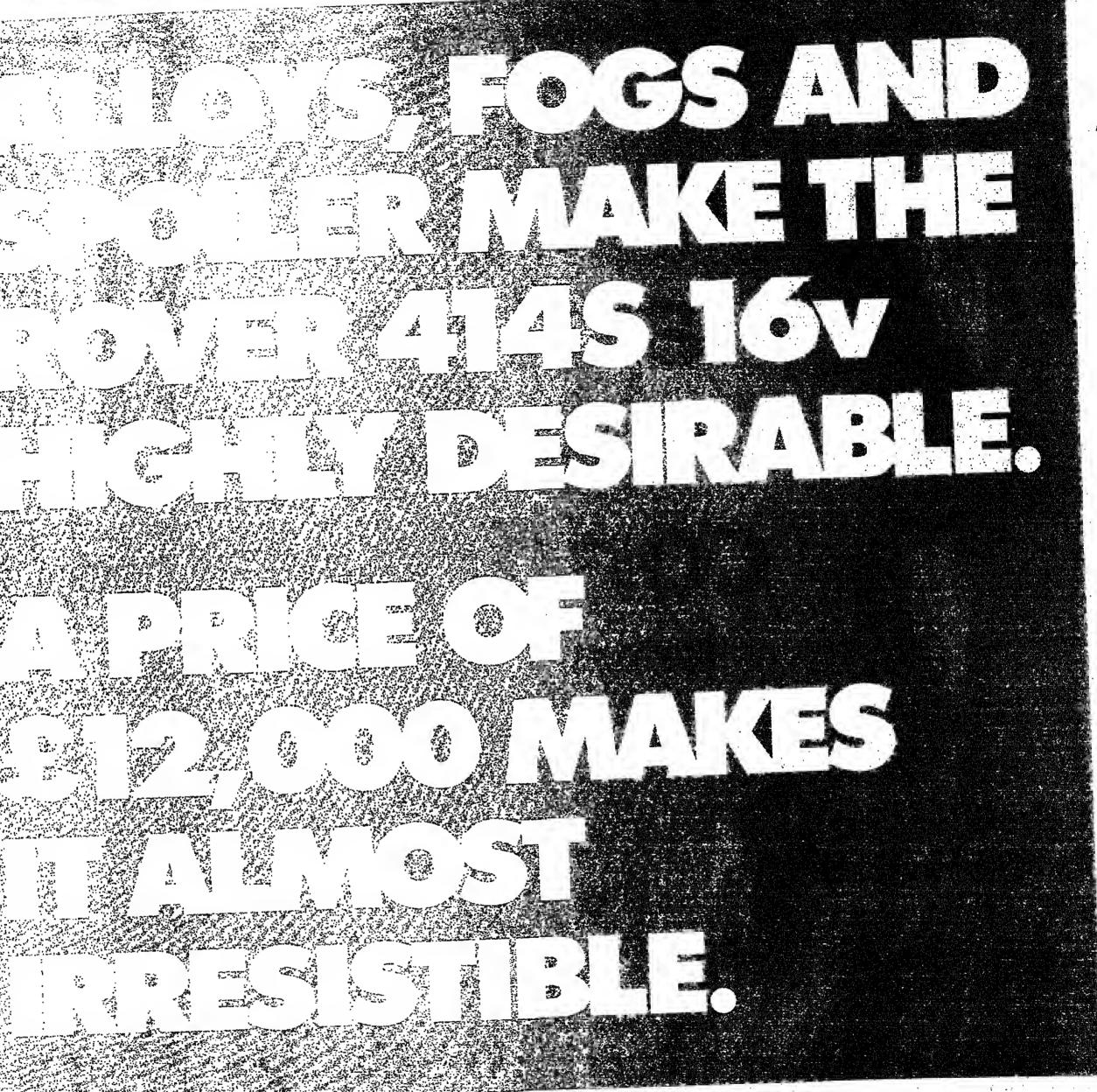
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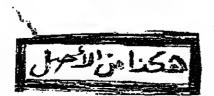


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Deep divide: Ethnic Albanians silently demonstrating in Pristina, capital of Kosovo, yesterday to protest for the 14th day against the rule of Belgrade. Serbia's referendum began yesterday over whether international help should be sought in the troubled republic. Photograph: Georgi Likovski

# France denies Karadzic tip-off

Mary Dejevsky in Wasington

THE French Defence Ministry "categorically" denied a report that an officer serving with international peace-keeping forces in Bosnia thwarted a United States plan to capture the former Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, by upping him off in advance. But it admitted it had redeployed the officer after he had formed a "dubious" relationship with Mr Karadzic, who is wanted for war crimes.

The ministry was responding to an article in yesterday's Washington Post which claimed the US and allied military forces in Bosnia had to abandon plans to arrest Mr Karadzic after discovering a French officer, named as Major Hervé Gourmillon, had held secret meetings with him. The article quoted a senior US official as saying the discovery forced Nato to suspend an operation involving hundreds of heavily armed soldiers and "ripped open a big gap in rela-

tions with the French" in Bosnia. The French defence ministry said the officer had had "a number of contacts" with Serh leaders "as his orders permitted". In carefully chosen words,

ture of these contacts might have been construed as dubious. this officer was immediately given a new posting in France." The ministry refused to elahorate, but said it was confident that the officer had done nothing to impede Mr Karadzic's arrest. It "categorically rejected all allegations which east doubt on the hehaviour of all French

soldiers in Bosnia". The American view is that, whatever their purpose, the meetings violated Nato's policy of eschewing all official contact with indicted war criminals, especially Mr Karadzic, who is held responsible for permitting, if not ordering, some of the most

heinous acts of the Bosnian war. Last December, Louise Arbour, the chief prosecutor at the International War Crimes Trihunal in The Hague, alleged that the French-patrolled sector of Bosnia, covering the headquarters of Mr Karadzic in Pale, had become a haven for indicted war criminals. She accused the French authorities of impeding international efforts to arrest Mr Karadzic and others. French newspapers at the time carried reports suggesting there was great sympathy for the Bosnian Serbs among a section

of French military officers. The Washington Post article supplied detail about of the pro-

posed Nato operation to attack the headquarters of Mr Karadzic's security forces in Pale. The article quoted US diplomats as saying they were "quite close" to carrying it out. Another official was quoted as saving he found the episode "despicable" and said "no trust remilitary forces.

The failure of the allied forces in Bosnia to capture indicted war criminals, including Radovan Karadzic, has provoked widespread criticism in the of explanations has been offered. Some cite the difficulty of tracking the individuals concerned, others say it is the reluctance of the Pentagon to mount potentially risky operations before Congress approves an extension to the US troop mandate for

Bosnia after June this year. According to the Washington Post, however, the CIA knows the whereabouts of most of the indicted war criminals, and the French are indeed alone in not having attempted a single capture within their zone.

The difficulties recounted in the article are typical of the strategic and operational misunderstandings that seem to crop up regularly when Americans and French are required to co-operate internationally.

# Middle East 'on brink' of military flare-up

By Rupert Cornwell

TEN days before the vital Lon-. don summit between Benjamin - the Middle East is only one wor-Netanyahn and Yasser Arafat, ry voiced by the HSS annual. The assessment heightens a leading security policy thinktank warned that unless the US Balkans to the Gulf and to fiused its influence to pull the nancially troubled Asia, its mespeace process back from the

the extreme patience thus far. displayed by the US in its role predictably between unilateral of mediator between Israelis and Arabs was turning from virtue into vice. Unless it acted now, the peace process could collapse completely - leading to a renewed Palestinian uprising, led "certainly by more extreme

Karamanlis dies, aged 91

FLAGS flew at half-mast and newspapers appeared in black-

modern Western Europe. The EU is now the cornersione of Greek

foreign policy and though the country failed to qualify for first round membership of the Euro, it is on course to join the single

Dockers win jobs court battle

AUSTRALIAN trade unionists are celebrating a major victory

after a court ordered that 1,400 union dock workers sacked two weeks ago should be reinstated, writes Sam Jary. Judges at Mel-

bourne Federal Court dismissed an appeal by Patrick Stevedores, the company which fired the workers, against an order on Thes-

day that they rehire everyone they had fired. The company had claimed that its employees, all members of the Maritime Union of Australia, were inefficient and overpaid.

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Islamic elements, perhaps by the PLO itself." But the fraught situation in

Strategic Survey. From the - sage is the same: In the crunch, brink, warfare could break out almost everything depends on anew in the Middle East: American leadership; and all too In a sharp critique of Wash. often, that leadership is found ington's policies (and not only wanting. The US was the domin the Middle (East) the In- mant world power. But, John ternational Institute of Strate Chipman, the USS director, gic Studies (HSS) declared that said: "It is often late into crisis management and oscillates un-

> international problems." Moreover "globalisation," by spreading crises faster, had only made matters worse. Even if it committed itself fully, Washington could not be certain of

and multilateral approaches to

solving every problem - "but unless the US chooses to frame a policy, it is unlikely that any answers will be found?

the urgency attending the Isracti-Arab summit promoted by Tony Blair next month. But the same anxiety pervades efforts to attain a durable settlement in Bosnia, where prospects had improved in late 1997 and early 1998: But without peace in Kosovo there could be no sta-

However, the review strikes some less gloomy notes. For the first time in years, the case for abolishing nuclear weapons had entered the mainstream of arms control debate. The Institute also commends Nato for "work well done" in the diplomatic management of enlargement of the Alliance.

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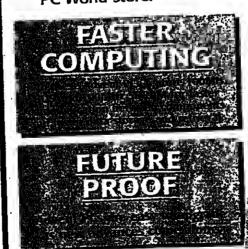
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#### James Earl Ray rimmed special editions as Greece yesterday mourned the death of Constantine Karamanlis who served as Prime Minister from 1955 to 1963 and then from 1974 to 1980, when he returned from dies, exile in Paris to take charge of the transition from military dictatorship to a democracy that would enter the then European Comaged 70 munity in 1981, writes Rupert Cornwell. A family funeral will be held today, before he is buried in the suburbs of Athens. His supreme achievement was to haul Greece from the Levant into

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) James Earl Ray, the petty criminal who confessed to assassinating Martin Luther King, then recanted and spent decades seeking a trial, died yes-terday, state officials said. He

By pleading guilty in March 1969 to the shooting a year before, Ray avoided the possibility of a conviction at trial and a death sentence. He then argued for years that he was co-

creed into making the plea. His attempt to get a trial drew an unlikely coalition that included his family as well as King's family, who believe King was the victim of a murder

conspiracy, not a lone gunman. Shortly after Ray pleaded guilty, Coretta Scott King, the civil rights leader's widow, said there had been "many fingers which helped pull the trigger".

More recently, arguing for a trial, she said: "Even if no new light is shed on the facts concerning my husband's assassination, at least we and the nation can have the satisfaction of knowing that justice has run its course in this tragedy."

The Rev Joseph Lowery, a co-founder of King's Southern Christian Leadership Confer-ence, said he never believed Ray was smart enough to plan the

t prosecutors cited the eve against Ray and noted courts had repeatedly i the guilty plea.

# Japan's raw new recruits ruffle corporate calm

By Richard Lloyd Parry in Tokyo

EVERY SPRING, as the famous cherry hiossoms hioom across Japan, the country's oflices, bars and subway trains are seasonal phenomenon. You can tones, interviewees tell horror stomarked by another distinctive spot them at once, with their shiny new clothes, nervously clutched briefcases and air of uneasy anticipation. They are the new company entrants, the latest generation of salarymen and "office ladies", and they are as familiar here as a species of bird.

For several weeks, the new arrivals go through training programmes designed to mould them into useful corporate servants and smooth the rough edges acquired at university. There are company songs and mottoes to be mastered, a homily from the company president and a solemn entrance ceremony in which the "freshmen" (with fewer freshwomen) are haptised as full members of the corporate family.

This year, things are not as they should be. The Japanese media, alert for juvenile mis-

buhaviour after a series of grisly crimes by teenagers and children, have identified a worrying trend: something is wrong with

this year's recruits. The problem is described in the latest copy of the current affairs magazine 4em. In appalled ries. There are familiar stories of new recruits turning up with ear-rings or dyed hair. There was the entrance ceremony whose cathedral-like solemnity was interrupted by the trilling of a mohile phone. Instead of switching it off, the hapless freshman pulled it out and engaged in a loud conversation.

More telling are violations of Japanese traditions of respect. Keigo is an extra-polite mode of speech in which the forms of words change depending whether one is addressing a superior, an inferior or an equal. Staff greet and take their leave of one another with another set of formulaic polite expressions. But many young Japanese are at a loss with such formality.

"Company managers are always complaining that the freshmen can't even say hello to one

another properly," said Akemi Yoshida, who trains new recruits in corporate good manners. "You call out the register at the beginning of the class, and they just say, 'Yeah,' or 'You what?"

The culture clash is not surprising, for no country has a generation gap bigger than that of Japan. Someone of 90 grew up in a country which just a generation earlier had been a feudal state. Sixty-year-olds remember the destruction of the war, and the poverty and malnutrition of the post-war years. To the young. such memories are utterly alien - until the present economic slow-down they had known nothing hut prosperity, and even now they enjoy the wealth and security of the world's second largest economy. No wonder

"Freshmen used to be like pandas - very quiet, shy. always nervous," said Sakio Sakagawa, a 71-year-old management consultant. This year they are like recycled paper - time consuming to transform and full of impurities. When you use strong stuff on them like bleach, they

there are misunderstandings.



followers in front of the holy shrine of Imam Ali, in the town of Najaf, 180km (110 miles) during the war. Today ther south of Baghdad, during a visit to the shrine last month

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# Iranians visit Iraq's holy places

THE Iraniao pilgrim visiting the golden-domed Mushim shrine of al-Abbas in the Iraqi holy city of Kerbala just west of the Euphrates was visibly on edge. He did not want to give his name. He started to say he came from the city of Kermanshah in Iran and then seemed to change his mind, saying: "Just write that I am a Muslim."

. His nervousness is undertandable. In the past six months pilgrums from Iran have started to visit shrines in Iraq holy to the to travel than the Iranians. Shiah tradition in Islam, to which most Iranians belong.

It is the first time they have come in large numbers since the eight-year war between the two contries in which half a million Iranian and Iraqi soldiers were dilled, started in 1980.

The pilgrims were sitting in the lobby of the al-Yassin hotel m central Kerbala quietly drinking tea. Outside their bus waited with a sign on its windshield saying in Arabic: "Tranian religious delegation." None of the 62-strong party looked welloff. The men were dressed in crumpled and travel-stained black suits and the women clutched bundles of belongings. One man said: "I am e photographer and deal in videos. It was easy to get here."

This is not quite true. Iraq says its borders are open for Iranian religious tourists, but Iran is wary of giving easy ac-Syria after first flying to Damascus. They had driveo through buried in mosques with golden domes and minarets.

The Iranians would not have seen any signs of the Shiah up- proving relations between rising in all three cities in March Tehran and Baghdad. There 1991. In Kerbala, Iraq later has just been a substantial exsaid 3,000 people were killed. In change of prisoners of war, each case the shrines were the some of whom had been imlast stronghold of the rebels, prisoned since 1980. At the whom Iraq accused of being aided by Iran. In Kerbala the shrine and its outer walls were guerrilla group, whose headhit by bullets and rocket-propelled grenades. Io the immediate aftermath of the fighting the entrance to the al-Abbas shrine was guarded by a British- the most savage fought anymade Chieftain tank, which where since 1945. An Iraqi ob-Iraq had captured from Iran server in Baghdad said: "It will

Not all the foreign pilgrims in Nejaf and Kerbala are Iranian. A short distance from the al-Yassin botel a red bus from Dagestan in southern Russia had drawn up. Ahmed Zein al-Abedeeu, a religious tracher who had learnt Arabic to read the Koran, and 12 other Dages tanis was on the final stage of a pilgrimage to Mecca, during which be had already driven 4,500km (2,780 miles) With some pride be said: "It took us 10 days to get there. We decided to see Kerbala on the way back." He had found it easier Impressive in both cases was

the immense distances and difficulties overcome by the pilgrims to reach the shrines in Iraq. Iranian wariness in allowing its own citizens to flood across the border - only four hours away by the most direct -route - may spring from a desire not to get too close to Iraq too quickly. Iraq, on the contrary, wants to improve relations with Tehran, with whom it shares an 800-mile border. It is nervous of the slight signs of rapprochement between Iran and the United States. In February, Iran was reported to have clamped down on Iraqi oil smuggling on barges travelling from southern Iraq through Iranian territorial waters to Dubai. It also supplies with ammunition the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, one of the Kurdish factions in northern Iraq.

Iran is the key country in cess to Iraq. The pilgrims in the the region for the moment." al-Yassin had entered through said a diplomat in Baghdad. "The policy of all of Irag's other neighbours is set and not likethe desert to reach the cities of by to change. But with a new Kufa, Najaf and Kerbala, where government in Tehran its polithe Shiah Muslim martyrs are cy is more fluid." If the Iranians shift towards the Americans it will further isolate Iraq.

There are some signs of imsame time, Iraq still hosts the Mojahedin e-Khalq, the Iranian quarters are in central Baghdad.

The Iranian pilgrims in Kerbala are right to be circumspect. The Iran-Iraq war was one of legacy of hatred to die away.



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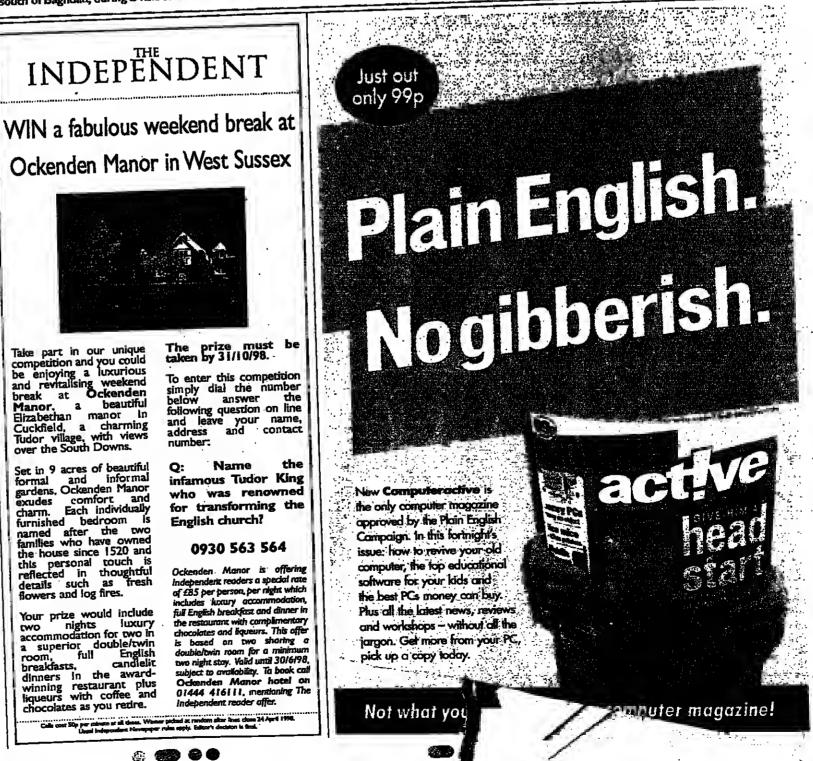
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# CIA seeks young spies on Internet

in Washington

IT IS NOT only the United States' big tobacco companies that are out to "catch 'em young". The Central Intelligence Agency is at it too, launching an Internet web site - CIA Home Page for Kids - to introduce the world's biggest spy agency to a generation of mini-sceptics brought up in the tranquillity of

the post Cold-War world. Call up www.odci.gov/cia/ ciakids, and you find a multicoloured image of domestic bliss in spydom; mummy, daddy, and the dog, kitted out more like The Avengers cast than 007, who invite the young and curious to click on briefcases and medallions for an induction into the mysteries of espionage. CLA-style. Fancy yourself as a 21st-cen-

tury Bond? Your tole model is

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anonymity behind dark glasses, but a slim, smiling black woman, in a white shirt and dark suit, clearly out to run the world.

For the hands-on types, there is a catalogue of outdated spy equipment, including microcameras, a tyre spike - "effective in harassing modern-day enemies" - and the fearsome

sounding "belly buster hand-crank audio drill" dating from the late Fifties, described thus: "The base of the drill was held firmly against the stomach while the handle was cranked manually. This kit came with several drill bits and accessories."

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When it comes to knowing your enemy, though, young would-he Bonds may need a more reliable source than the ClA. Take the United Kingdom country profile. The UK the CIA tells us, is situated "between the North Atlantic Ocean and the North Sca. north-west of France" - so far, so good, if vague. We occupy an area

"slightly smallet than Oregon". And we gained our "independence" almost a century later than the US, on I January 1801 (when, as the CLA clarifies, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland was

# 'Titanic' sails through barrier on foreign films

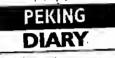
TANIC has become Peking's biggest grossing film in the two weeks ince it opened, with box office akings in the city already topping 16m yuan (£1.2m) and expected to reach 20m yuan by the end of the run this Sunday, douhle the previous record.

China remains nervous of allowing foreign films into the market, for commercial and political reasons. So approval from no less n figure than President Jiang Zemin gave the green light for massive media coverage. "You should not imagine there is no ideological education in capitalist countries. Titanic speaks of wealth and love, the relationship between rich and poor, and vividly describes how people re- ; and jumping red lights. at to disaster. I told my comraies in the Polithuro to see this fibr." Mr Jiang said. - -

in search of a local angle, the Pening Youth Daily revealed tha six Chinese passengers, probably students travelling third class, drowned when the shir sank in 1912. However, the man draw for audiences was the thance to see an epic film the ike of which cannot be

mad in China. But Peking has ambinous. Yars Buting, deputy director of China's Film Bureau, said £2m hacbeen invested by China in developing special technology. Tchnically speaking, China wil then have no problems in making movies like Tuanic." Mr Jing was said to be very impressed on hearing about the film's massive global profits.

HIS is National Traffic Safety Week, and China is marking a world record i would rather not hold. The country ranks first for traffic-related deaths, which last year eached 73,861. This is quite an achievement, given the proportionately low number of vehicles on the roads. The People's Daih a couple of years ago bemouncd the fact that China had only 2 per cent of the world's vehicles, but 14 per cent of the world's vehicle accident deaths. This week's campaign does not pull its punches. A collection. of 500 photographs of horrific accidents, including mangled human bodies, has been as



insect is part of an exhibition called "Insects - the secret rulers" that runs until 16 August

Earing machine: A camerawoman filming an oversize model of a locust at Palmengarten park in Frankfurt yesterday. The computer-animated



suffers from 1.2 million vehicles, some 270 publicity stands featuring this gore have been set up at major intersections in an attempt to educate people about the dangers of drink-driving

The sad fact is that even these tactics are unlikely to have any effect on the country's hmatic drivers. The only hope is that if the number of vehicles continues to increase, China's traffic will grind to a permanent gridlocked halt.

HINA'S flagship of communist retail therapy, Peking's much-maligned Friendship Store, has closed its doors for refurbishment. This symbol of Old China is having

There was a time when the state-owned emporium was the only shop in Peking selling imported goods. In the bad old days. Chinese people were not allowed in and goods could only be purchased with Foreign Exchange Certificates, the rip-off currency available to foreigners, or dollars. Then it metamorphosed into a normal Chinese shopping venue, albeit a shabby one. But Chinese and foreigners flocked instead to the

gleaming new shopping malls. So Pekingers, and the city's expatriates, are now waiting to see what will emerge when the store reopens next month. But the big question is whether the legions of shop ascistants are also having a behavioural makeover. Three years ago, every sales assistant was provided with a copy of the "Fifty Taboos", a list of banned expressions for government service staff. This included such retorts as: "Ask someone else!", "Didn't you hear? What sembled to emphasise the val- are your ears for?", "For hell's ue of life". In Peking, which sake, do you want it?".

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### Wang laments the pain of exile

THE Chinese dissident, Wang who as a student firebrand had Dan, who was released from issued passionate calls for free prison last week and flown to speech and democracy during the United States, emerged. ht unhappiness about being faced into exile, writes Mary

Ikjevsky in Washington. He was speaking at a press enference in New York, two dys after being discharged

the 1989 protest in Tiananmen rom seclusion yesterday to ex- Square, said in a prepared stateress pleasure that he was free, ment: "My feelings right now are mixed. On the one hand, I am naturally delighted to breathe free again ... On the other hand, I feel disturbed at having been forced to leave my own country, to live separately frip a Detroit hospital where from my family ... and all my he had undergone intensive compatriots, without knowing when, if ever. I will be allowed Testerday, Mr Wang, 29, to see them again."

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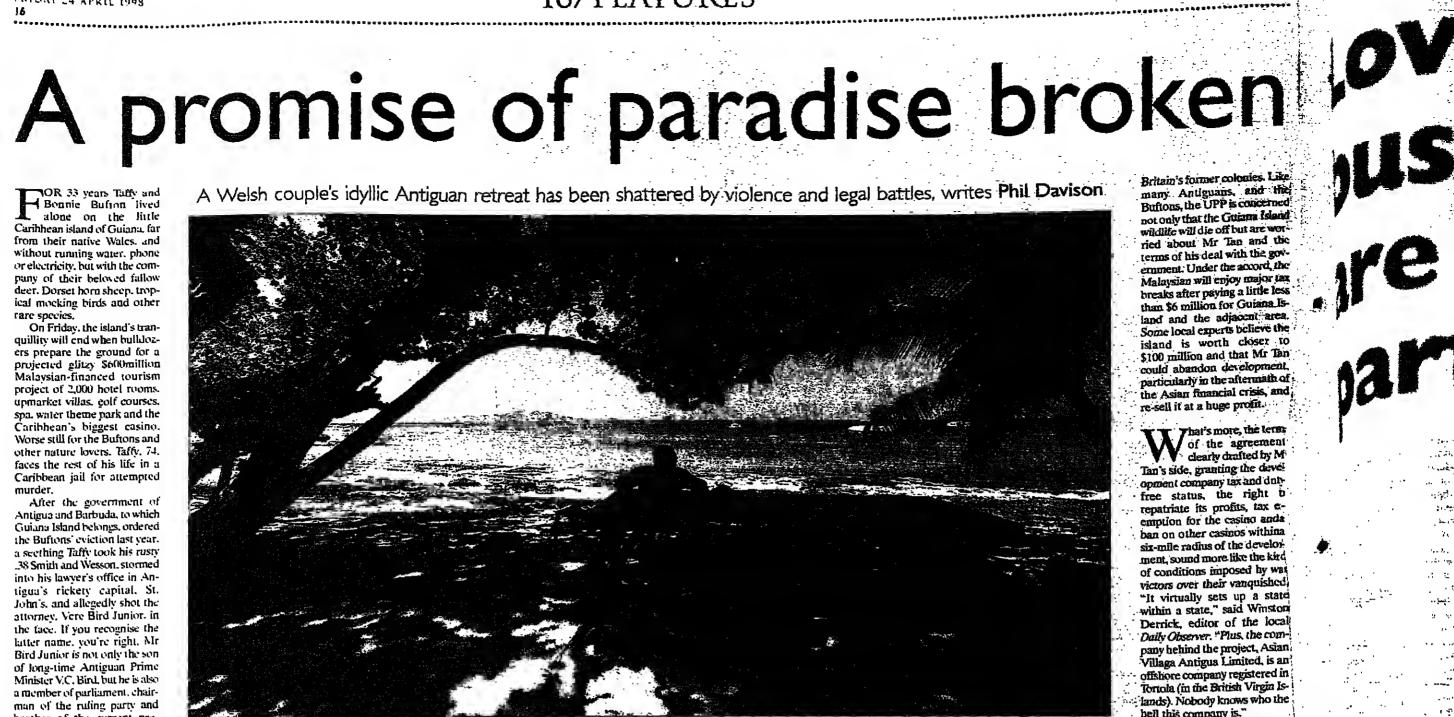
projected glitzy \$600million Malaysian-financed tourism project of 2,000 hotel rooms. upmarket villas, golf courses. spa, water theme park and the Caribbean's biggest casino. Worse still for the Buftons and other nature lovers. Taffy, 74. faces the rest of his life in a Caribbean jail for attempted

After the government of Antigua and Barbuda, to which Guiana Island belongs, ordered the Buftons' eviction last year. a seething Taffy took his rusty .38 Smith and Wesson, stormed into his lawyer's office in Antigua's rickety capital. St. John's, and allegedly shot the attorney. Vere Bird Junior, in the face. If you recognise the latter name, you're right. Mr Bird Junior is not only the son of long-time Antiguan Prime Minister V.C. Bird, but he is also a member of parliament, chairman of the ruling party and brother of the current premier, Lesier Bird. Some of the Birds are not the sort of folks it is wise to threaten, which Taffy Bufton admits he did.

Vere Jur, not Lester, may have run for Prime Minister but for a small incident in 1989. An Israeli-made Uzi submachine gun, fired by a Medellin drug cartel hitman, that killed Colombian presidential candidate Luis Galan in Bogota. was traced to a consignment ordered by an Antigua military training school linked to Vere Jnr. A Royal Commission of Inquiry named him, hut dropped the case for fear of chaos in An-

Vere Jnr. 62 is known to Antiguans as "Runway" because. as head of the national parks authority, he was in charge of resurfacing the runway at V.C. Bird airport - named after his father - when millions of dollars went missing during the work. His vounger brother ivor. in his early fifties, was convicted of smuggling 12 kilos of cocaine into Antigua several years I remember wrestling with him. \$200.000 fine.

It was December 16 last year. Tafty, a portly, cheeryfaced man with the palest of skin, had been listening to a local parliamentary broadcast in which his lawyer had promised to fight his eviction. Instead,



Paradise lost: Not every tropical haven is the tranquil hideaway it appears to be as Taffy Bufton (below) was to discover

Vere Int hacked a hill, formalnamed the Cyril Thomas Bufton and Lona Eileen Bufton (Resettlement and Maintenance) Act 1997, which ordered their immediate eviction and offered them a twobedroom home elsewhere, five acres of land and a monthly stipend of \$650 a month.

"I went over to his office with my pistol with the intention of frightening him." Taffy Bufton told me in the cluttered. hut comfortable, seaside home they have been given during the

bullet went through the Welshman's hand. A bullet, possibly the same one, also lodged in Vere Bird Jnr's mouth but he has recovered with only lost teeth. "I could easily have killed him if I wanted. He was sitting behind his desk. I had sugar very hadly (diahetes). I had a blackout. He had hold of my hand, trying to get the pistol from me. Then there was a bang and a searing pain."

After their September eviction order, the couple had demanded \$2 million, plus a new home with five acres and a stipend. The government re-

sponded with a verbal offer of \$500,000, but no such figure was mentioned in the parliamentary

They had agreed one of them would always stay on Guiana Island to avoid a forced eviction. "But after the shooting, the radio announced that I was a crackshot and heavilyarmed," 72-year-old Bonnie told me as she showed me snapshots of their island home, their deer and their Mars barloving pet ram. "They came to me saying Taffy had tried to commit suicide and shouting where are the guns?' It was a trick to get me off the island. I'm kicking myself for my stupidity." she said.

They have out been allowed hack since. Their furniture. ransacked and badly-damaged by police looking for weapons. was dumped unceremoniously in the garage of their temporary

"They destroyed a lifetime possessions. Look at my knitting bag. They ripped it apart," said Bonnie. Since Taffy left hospital last September. they have been confined to a temporary home on Willoughby Bay in the south of Antigua on hail of around \$12,000 paid by supporters. "At first, we had

police officers here 24 hours. They even slept in one of our bedrooms. They said it was for our protection in case anyone assassinated us," said Taffy. The police recently moved out but ordered them not to leave the country. They have all hut

given up on the 500,000 dollars

"I went over to Bird's office with my pistol to frighten him. I could easily have killed him if I'd wanted to."

and now would like nothing more than to see Taffy cleared. "We'd like to go to the Isle of Man," he said. Taffy faces a hearing next moth. Meanwhile. their animals are suffering. "Most of the deer are dead already." Taffy went on. Some will have died naturally. But I've heard people have been going over there shooting them."

It is a hizarre story which has split the islanders between supporters of the tourism project. notably the government, and environmentalists and sympathisers of the elderly Welsh cou-

More than 8,000 people, about 12 percent of the population of Antigua, took to the streets to protest the develop-



ment. To some, who despise the Bird family, Taffy and Bonnie are something of local heroes. They hear cheers or shouts of "Buffy" when they are allowed to leave their virtual house arrest for weekly hospital treat-

ment for his shattered hand. It's an extraordinary finale to the Buftons' story which hegan when the couple from Brecon in mid-Wales, answered a

1965 ad in the Times for care-

takers to run the 447-acre island, only 80 yards from the north coast of Antigua and linked by a hand-hauled pontoon of wooden planks and oil drums big enough to carry the caretakers' 1950s Morris Minor .

- Photograph: David Ashdown

vive all the disputes through

their claim to squatters' rights.

Then, in February last year,

along came the Malaysian, Mr

Tan, with a plan to build an

"Asian Village" on Guiana Is-

land and an adjacent plot on

Antigua proper, as well as at-

tract rock superstars by build-

ing a recording studio to

replace George Martin's

renowned Air Studios on the

now covered in ash from the

Soufriere volcano: "This exot-

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tures of Bali, Penang, Malacca,

Phuket and the Mediterranean.

combined with the vibrant

lifestyle of the Caribbean," say

ven though ownership of

Guiana remained in dis-pute, Mr Bird's govern-

ment signed the agreement

with the developers and it was

passed into law despite protests

from the opposition United

Progressive Party (UPP), which

claims the agreement is un-

constitutional. The party's

claims have been rejected by lo-

cal and regional courts, but it

is now considering an appeal to

the Privy Conneil, the final

Supreme Court of Appeals for

the brochures.

The Buftons were employed. by Guiana Farms Limited, a company owned by London lawyer Alexander Hamilton-Hill, who visited the island only once a year.

Once Mr Hamilton-Hill and his wife died, two Antiguan brothers, Joho and Jimmy Fuller, came forward to claim to have bought the shares to Guiana Farms Limited from Hamilton-Hill's. They claim that makes them the owners of the island and are demanding. the Antiguan government buy it from them before selling it to Malaysian entrepreneur Dano Tan Kay Hock, the man behind the projected Guiana Island development.

The Buftons say the Fuller transaction was illegal, staged by the Hamilton-Hill family to avoid inheritance tax on the island, valued by experts at anywhere between 20 million and 100 million US dollars.

Until last year, it looked as though the Buftons would surcould abandon development. particularly in the aftermath of the Asian financial crisis, and re-sell it at a huge profit.

hat's more, the lerse of the agreement clearly drafted by M Tan's side, granting the devel opment company tax and duty free status, the right b repatriate its profits, tax eemption for the casino anda ban on other casinos withina six-mile radius of the develorment, sound more like the kird of conditions imposed by was victors over their vanquished "It virtually sets up a state within a state," said Winston Derrick, editor of the local Daily Observer. "Plus, the company hehind the project, Asian Villaga Antigua Limited, is an offshore company registered in Tortola (in the British Virgin Islands). Nobody knows who the hell this company is."

The government "is selling its most sensitive ecological area, its most scenic spot left. not even for a string of beads. but for low-paying jobs; where a Malaysian will exploit Antiguan labour," said Tim Hector, editor of the opposition newspaper Outlet. "Our national patrimony is being alienated and becoming an "Asian ·Village", a settler colony, as it was in the beginning."

-- Valerie Haydon, the sales nearby island of Montserrat, and marketing manager for Asia Island Antigua Limited, insists the development project will be good for Antigua and that the Buftons were reasonahly treated. "If anything had happened to them on that island, no one would have noticed. I'm just sorry the way i torned out for them. I thin: they had been out in the sun to long," she said.

As for Vere Bird Jur, he seit the following letter to the mm who allegedly shot him. "Bid and Bird would like to thank you for the pleasure of having been able to legally represent you over the past several years. However, we now inform ou that this office will no longerbe able to represent you."

The law firm also teminded their former client he hid promised them half of any setlement obtained.

# The giant steps to freedom from the Killing Fields

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is 50 years old and Clare Short tells Matthew Brace it's time to think again about the rights we need

DANA TEP knows more than most about human rights. Between 1975 and 1979 she was worked almost to death in the Killing Fields of Cambodia. She buried five memhers of her family in the mud of the rice paddies - three sons, her mother-in-law and her husband, all murdered by Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge. Her oldest son was beaten to death in front of her.

Dana was caught in a whirfwind of blood-letting during which the Khmer Rouge tried to rid Cambodia of its landowners, monarchists and intelligentsia by merciless killing. Even those who wore spectacles were considered enemies of the

She survived only by the strongest of wills and in the last days of the regime escaped on foot, ducking the hullets of her

For a day she and her daughter outran the soldiers and finally came to the banks of a raging tropical river which was all that stood between them and freedom. She could not swim, but with her arms wrapped around her daughter's neck she crossed and

It is a dramatic story that Dana told with such courage at Amnesty International's annual general meeting earlier this month it prompted a standing ovation. Such tales

however are all too common and many recount events within the past 50 years since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was created stating every individual's basic rights. Dana and her family were denied almost every one of the declaration's 30 articles during their detention. For her at that time it might as well never have been

The world hoped human rights ahuses would wane after the declaration was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948. It was hailed as a response to the atrocities of the Second World War and a promise by governments to work towards a world without cruelty

As a declaration it had no teeth, but it has spawned 25 legal instruments which form the backbone of modern human rights law around the world: two main covenants on civil and political rights, and economic, social and cultural rights, a swathe of others including the European Convention on Human Rights and, more recently, several single issue conventions.

Judge Rosalvn Higgins, the British judge at the International Court of Justice in the Hague, believes the declaration changed the course of history by capturing people's imagination.

"It has had the most extraordinary impact on the international psyche," she said.

"It was the first universal standard setting for human rights, an attempt to move the issue on to a much more global view. and of all the instruments we have had since it is still the most involved in front of legal bodies around the world, including domestic courts."

Judge Higgins added that many of the younger states, particularly those who gained independence in the early 1960s. took the declaration "lock, stock and bar-





Standing up: Clare Short (left) believes the experiences of Cambodian refugee Dana Tep (right) are a vital reminder to world leaders of ongoing

stitution. For many countries it is nation-

Clare Short, the Secretary of State for International Development and a long standing human rights advocate, will be upbeat about the declaration tomorrow when she celebrates its 50th anniversary at a Socialist International conference in Manila in the Philippines. "The first thing that strikes you, when you read it again is what wonderful, wise political leadership the world was given in 1948," Ms Short told The Independent last week.

The lead was to say each and every human being is entitled to a set of fundamental human rights and I think it is

rel and made it part of their national con-stunning to think that the world was given that." However, she is aware of its shortcomings and will call on the 140 members of Socialist International, the worldwide body of socialist parties whose human rights committee she chairs, to judge all rights

> "[After the first few years of the declaration) there was a period of time when things, including human rights, got tangled up in the rhetoric of the Cold War," she

> "The breadth of the universal declaration was rather lost... and was seen as being about just civil and political rights and not also about social and economic ones." Ms Short sees rights to education,

work, a fair wage for a dignified living, day in Algeria, Iraq and Nigeria, among having been given less prominence than the rights to freedom from torture and persecution and not to face the death penalty and she wants a tedressing of the

"We need to remind the whole world. that the universal declaration includes those social and economic rights as well."

Despite the UN's hopes for the declaration and the amount that it has achieved .. in highlighting rights issues, human rights abuses did not go away, and in some countries they got considerably worse. Amnesty . describes the declaration as one of the someone knows their rights, what use is it if their government flouts them?

'Half the world's governments still jail prisoners of conscience"; a third of those governments still favour torture as a means of suppression; and few governments have promoted the existence of the contents of the declaration," according to Pierre Sané, Amnesty's secretary general.

Amnesty are campaigning to encourage world leaders and citizens to publicly adhere to the declaration and all its articles in this 50th anniversary year in the hope that it will highlight "broken promises" that have allowed human rights ahuses to continue despite the existence of an internationally recognised rights document.

We want to do more than point the finger at governments who have fallen short of their promises," said Mr Sané.

We want to show that there is a groundswell of popular support for the rights in the declaration, that the public will not stand by for another 50 years of hro-

The same denial of rights that ripped apart Dana Tep's life is being repeated to-

health, and enjoyment of one's culture as other countries, where opposing the government can carry a death sentence. During the Pope's recent visit to Nigeria he called on the military regime run by General Sani Abacha to free 60 political prisoners, including some facing the death penalty, and asked for all Nigeria's 600 death row inmates to have their sentences commuted to life.

Observers will be surprised if Abacha even acknowledged the plea, let alone took any action on it.

And there are others countries which have failed to sign some human rights treaties and conventions that you would not world's hest kept secrets and says even if expect to appear in an international rogues' gallery.

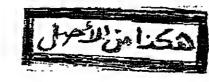
Britain has not ratified some of the UN and European conventions, including ones dealing with abolishing the death penalty and punishing those guilty of the crime of apartheid, although these are under review.

And despite US President Bill Clinton's refusal to include Nigeria in his recent whistle-stop African tour because of its human rights record, the United States is one of only two countries that has not ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the rights document which has had the higgest backing of all. The US stands alone with Qatar although the tiny Middle East na-

tion has agreed to ratify imminently. Dana Tep says there is still a long way to go before human rights is implement ed worldwide and she knows that position might never be reached, but at least the fire seeds planted 50 years ago by the UN have

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights gives people something to beliet in and something to fight for. I only wh more countries would read it and folly it. It might have saved my family."





# Men Love and business are bad partners

Corporations can see profits tumble if the man at the top hits rock bottom at home. says Meg Carter

RUPERT MURDOCH sprung yet another surprise on an unsuspecting media earlier this that he and his wife, Anna, are to split after 31 years. The news shocked many in the media business and beyond. Within hours his private life was on the front pages and shares in his company, News Corporation, had started to fall - proof, if it. were needed, that even the most powerful struggle to leave their personal problems at the

boardroom door: It might not seem anyone clse's business, but the state and, more importantly, stability - of a senior executive's private life is becoming an important issue for companies, for this week's stock market fittheir boards and investors: The financial markets are driven by likely to cause a loog-term. psychological perceptions of "impact," was one Sydney browhat might or might not pose... ker's excuse. For others, howa threat to future business, ever, the issue is how

And the bigger and more dom-mant the personalities leading business, the more likely there is to be concern about what might happen should their influence - for whatever reason

In Mr and Mrs Murdoch's case, attention rests on her : role within the company and the likely effect the split will have oo her husband's desire to build a media dynasty. Their split is "painful" but "amicable", we are told. No-one else is involved. Mrs Murdoch is known to have been trying to get her week with the announcement 67 year-old husband to "slow down for some years.

Divorce is thought unlikely. Which is just as well: Anna Murdoch is a board member of News Corporation, in which the Murdoch family is a major sbareholder, as well as a director of a number of Murdochowned companies - positions she will continue to bold.

Many have long spoken of .. Mrs Murdoch as a potential stop-gap chief executive of the company were her husband to die before any of their children were in a position - speculation subsequently used to account ters. "A knee jerk reaction unhigh-profile, senior executives deal with personal and maritalwhat extent domestic distractions take their eye off the ball. "To outsiders, dominant

leaders are the only people who shape companies' businesses eveo if those businesses are global and management responsibility is delegated and devolved," says Cary Cooper; professor of organisational psychology at UMIST. To insiders, meanwhile, the dominant leader shapes the culture, value system and corporate philosophy of an entire organisation. These are people who individually can make a business feel secure and employees confident and strong, or not - if they are distracted.

The degree to which some-

one is likely to be put off their

Women have traditionally had to balance major responsibilities at home and work while men have traditionally delegated these duties to their part-

busioess stride by personal stress depends on their "coping strategies", he says, "People deal with marital breakdown or divorce in a onmber of ways some withdraw and focus inwards, others throw themselves harder into work to forget the situation at home. Amonest the most successful in business, however, there is a tendency for greater resilience. They have learned to cope with failure pretty well." Even so, some believe men are likely to find it harder to deal with at work.

men view their private and professional lives as being in opposicion." The trust of staff and out-

siders - such as shareholders or customers - can be an early vicmanaging director of investtim when a business leader's

The issue is how high-profile senior executives deal with personal and marital stresses at work, and to what extent they take their eye off the ball

oer," says Anne Simpson, joint

personal life gers out of hand, ment advisers PIRC. "Denis Healey was one of the few se-Professor Cooper adds, "If a senior male figures to publicly talk ofor executive is known to have about the value of his 'hinterdone something in their private land' - the stable support prolife colleagues disagree with or vided by his family life and see as unethical, for example, outside interests. All too often, it has a knock-oo effect

throughout the organisation -on how staff see themselves and the values they work by, and on how outsiders view the business

as a whole." Take the case of Brian Staples, the former chief executive of United Utilities who was forced out last July less than 12 months after setting up home with his boss's secretary. His affair cost him his job: on anoouncing his departure from United Utilities, Staples admitted there had been "a loss of confidence in him by the board". Theo there was Sir Ralph Halpern. He hit the headlines when lurid details of an extra-marital affair with 18 year-old model Fiona Wright came to light. Despite weathering the immediate storm as head of Burton Group,

later following a 39 per ceot drop in the company's profits. Corporate disasters such as these are driven by a husiness-

man's macho desire to prove himself "an operator on all froms", believes Miranda Kenoett, managing partner of executives' training consultancy, The Coaching House. Meanwhile, Marks & Spencer chairman Sir Richard Greenbury admitted his regular 90-hour working weeks cost him his marriage to second wife

Gabrielle three years ago. De-

spite coming out of the affair

as somewhat sad and a little

dull, his husiness performance

- and that of M&S - continues to go from strength to strength. It's hardly surprising, then, that lack of balance rather than

focus for concern in coming years. Which, of course, brings us back to work-obsessed and power-hungry Mr Murdoch - a globe-trotting obsessive who's even played his children off against one another in an attempt to secure the future control of his global media empire.

There is a pervading belief today that to get into these top positions, people need to sacrifice their private lives to get on," says Angela Baron, policy adviser at the Institute of Personnel Development Att irudes, however, are changing. "There is increasing evidence to suggest that a growing number of younger people oow starting out in work are still ambitious, but just don't want to make these sacrifices," she fidelity in top executives' per- adds. "They want a balance sonal lives looks likely to be a across all areas of their lives."

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Catalyst: Rupert and Anna Murdoch's split was followed by a dive in the value of News Corporation shares

# When football gets that feeling, what does it mean for healing?

Eileen Drewery has been asked to help England win the World Cup. But what does a faith healer do?

Clare Nonhebel explains

GLENN HODDLE'S admission of reliance on a faith healer has renewed debate oo a subject that has faded from media view since New Age became old hat.

Faith is a part of everyone's life; no one has the opportunity to prove every supposition they build their life on. The quessquion is, faith in what?

My own 15-year practice of Christian healing has been reassuringly down-to-earth and effective. It started when I was healed myself. Operations and medication failed either to cure the physical conditions I was suffering from or to control the bouts of sickness, pain and unconsciousness. In desperation (and nothing else would have made me do it) I contacted a lady recommended by a friend of my husband's, who had a gift for healing.

After a year or so, when I was almost well, I began healing other people. It started with an intuition about someone I didn't know very well - a conviction, that got stronger when I prayed, firstly that he had a problem with drugs, then the name of the specific drug, then a particular psychological problem, then other problems

within the family. I thought I was going mad, but the person listened to me and confirmed that it was true. Then his wife started to ask about herself, I went off and prayed, and gave her the answers that came to mind and, again, she confirmed them. A friend of theirs came for help. Then another friend. Then some members of a local prayer group.

At first that's all I did: pray for the person, listen, and tell them the answers I was given. If it didn't sound right to them, or didn't help, I prayed again. It only helped the person identify the problem: I wasn't much help in doing anything about it.

Laying on hands was something I'd heard of but never seen anyone do. But when one person came to the house in severe emotional distress, then another with a splitting headache, it seemed the right thing to do. I was more shocked than relieved wheo the first person reported experiencing a deep sense of peace and the second one's headache went.

After a while, it seemed natural. I prayed more but worried less. If people didn't like the answers they received. I no longer lay awake all night agonising that I was either deluded or demonic.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the lady who cured me of that: she became furiously angry about the problem I suggested she had, spread imaginative remours about me for seven years, then came back and told me . that the message had been correct but she hadn't been ready to accept it just yet!

People don't occessarily get healed in the way they anticipate. The more obvious



Clare Nonhebel: She offers no 'guarantee' of success as a healer

place to the healing of something less tangible - like a tendency to drive ooeself to

Where I lay my hands depends on the person, and not everybody needs it. Usually, I will place them on the back of the head or the shoulders. You don't need to touch the person; sometimes I would place my hands on the injury. Sometimes when I place my hands on the person, I feel something, like a tender house on an apple; it's a vulnerable spot. Theo you concentrate until it feels better. On occasions there might be a burning sensation, or cold, or electricity. People worry if they don't feel anything, but it really is not relevant.

Because the healing is spiritual, it changes people at the deepest level, in their spirit. Physical, mental and emotional improvements are side-effects and are difficult to predict because everyone reacts so differently.

The word healing originates from the Old English "hacian" meaning "whole, wholesome or holy". The word spiritual means "concerning the spirit" as opposed to focusing oo the material. It is reasonable, then, to expect the purpose of spiritual healing to be to restore the person to a wholesome life, in spiritual terms.

Given that, it is surprising how many people who ask for spiritual healing doo't want to be involved in anything spiritual and don't want to be healed, in the sense of making their lives more wholesome.

Wholeness means much more than a symptom-free body or a sound mind, and involves the entire network of relationships within which each person operates, beginning and ending with the relationship with their Creator.

People do claim to have healing powers without being in a relationship of 10tal surrender to God. They either rely on their own powers, or are involved with the occult, which can be incredibly destructive to anyone on the receiving end of their ministrations. I don't doubt people's natural ability to heal. But it's oot safe to use this ability except under the rule of God.

I would be sad to see anyone put off receiving genuine spiritual healing, but too many people rush to the first person who claims to have healing powers and don't ask enough questions - either of the healing minister or of themselves, about whether their expectations are realistic.

When my vacuum cleaner breaks down, I need to know whether it is because it is useless, or whether my use of it has been inappropriate-like sucking up stray Malesers from the back of the sofa

In the same way, if someone expects me, as a "spiritual healer" to heal their sore foot instantly and without affecting them spiritually, they may have the wrong expectations and end up disappointed. Ditto, if they want me to guarantee the

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success of their football team. Sorry,



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### March of the superbugs

YOU CAN'T see them hut there are some very ugly bugs out there and they are getting stronger and stronger. They are clever. They are growing more and more resistant to our drugs. The House of Lords science and technology committee reports that diseases such as tuberculosis and meningitis are becoming increasingly hard to treat with common antibiotics. The so-called hospital hug MRSA (methycillin-resistant stuphylococcus aureus) could soon become completely resistant to the drug used to combat it.

Whilst we entirely believe their Lordships, this news is bit hard to take, If you were looking for the archetypal hoon to humanity, the one single medical breakthrough that has saved more lives than any other, it would he hard to beat antihiotics. The news that this light is failing is worrying even to a generation inured to the idea of impending global economic and nuclear catastrophes. What is remarkable about this potential apocalypse is the casual way we walked into it.

Recent experience has taught us that one of the first places to find carelessness is the larmyard. The use of growth-promoting chemicals and the excessive and unnecessary use of antibiotics has turned our farms into factories for the production of resistant bacteria. We have to do more than just blame the farmers. It is not their fault. You cannot argue that a farmer should cut out growth drugs and antihiotics if that would place him at a competitive disadvantage. Agriculture is an extremely competitive business. Getting your pig or broiler chicken to grow 5 per cent faster is no trivial gain. The obvious answer is to phase out the routine use of these drugs as quickly as possible. This has to be done by government action on a European scale.

But another environment for antibiotic abuse, and one closer to many homes, is the doctor's surgery. A version of the "prisoner's dilemma" operates. Those who have tried to calm a child with a nasty sore throat or infected ear know that you want something that will end your child's suffering quickly. Through the whimpering you may recall that widespread use of these drugs may be driving civilisation towards the arrival of incurable superbugs. But everyone would have to forgo the antibiotic habit to affect things, and not everyone will, and that sobbing sounds louder than any warning.

Many GPs will also want a quiet life and prescribe where it is the safe thing to do, especially where there is severe pressure from the patient. Changes in working habits have greatly increased these demands. Where mothers go out to work they often cannot easily take time off to look after a sick child; in the USA some day-care centres (nurseries) even require a certificate that antibiotics have been taken before a child who has been sick is allowed to return. According to the American Society for Microbiology, the number of American children under six attending day-care has risen to 60 per cent since 1975; over that period, the amount of antibiotics prescribed has tripled, and 20 to 25 per cent of antibiotics in the USA are prescribed for children. Day-care centres are also, of course, an ideal sctting for the spread of infection.

The only way to cut through this is, again, by regulation. It requires action by government to roll back over prescription. There is a lot that can be done simply by encouraging best practice and by discouraging the worst cases of doctors doling out these tablets as they might sweets.

But farmyards and pharmacies aren't the only danger-spots. Your supermarket is now selling another potential forcing house - the anti-bacterial chopping board. It will only be a matter of time before we follow the Americans and see many more domestic articles - other kitchenware, soap, even children's toys - which are advertised as containing antibacterials. These may in time become a further serious threat to normal bacterial ecology. It might be prudent to have a look at whether this particular technological leap forward is one that we can live without.

Superbug may already be with us. The bacterium pseudomonas acruginosa is said to shrug off even the current "last resort" family of antibiotics. We have lived through many such scares that never materialised and we are, most of us, suckers for a little scientific-sounding doom-mongering. This time, though, there's enough to worry about for us to think a change in habits is needed. We may never meet a smaller or a more dangerous foe. We have no time to waste in fighting back.

### Cry, God for Cecilia?

ONCE AGAIN, St George's day has come and gone, with no more trace than the usual flurry of articles calling on the English to pay more attention to their patron saint. The Irish revel their way through St Patrick's Day, the Welsh commemorate St David in song and the Scots have long considered St. Andrew a symbol of national pride. Yet the English, most of them, remain blandly unmoved by St George. Not even Scottish devolution has persuaded them to rise and praise the gold-armoured knight of myth.

The brave conversion and subsequent dragon-slaying activities of this former tribune under the Emperor Diocletian were the reasons why the 14th-century church elected him national saint, hoping that his military Christianity would inspire Crusaders. But Henry V's injunction "Cry, 'God for Harry, England and Saint George!" fails to move the modern English heart. A country whose identity is not longer bound up with military conquest does not warm to such shows of belligerence. Dispatching dragons seems a bit of a crime against hiodiversity.

We need a new saint for the New Britain. The Venerable Bede, who ran the first cottage industry in hible design, would be one obvious choice to celebrate Britain's eminence in the creative industries. The pop industry of Cool Britannia might prefer that the mantle pass to the patron saint of music, St Cecilia, spice girl of the early church. St Clare, mystical and ecologically-aware consort of St Francis, would appeal to the green and feminist lobhies. But if the easting vote goes to Tony Blair, he would doubtless prefer a candidate whose achievement was the conversion of Britons to a new faith. St Augustine, the job is thinc.



#### Burden of homework

IT WAS good to see someone finally standing up for children being people (Suzanne Moore, 22 April).

My own education was filled with the ethic that you did your learning out of the classroom; the classroom was for testing that you had performed the required tasks.

What would I have done if I had been from a household where there led at teatime. was nowhere in the house to read a book in peace? What if I had been one of the less fortunate who shared a room with several siblings? What if I had not had parents who could aid and advise.

The line that children should be doing more homework is not only a cheap fix to the problems the education service faces, but it is also élitist. Children should not have to rely on affluent parents, a quiet household and a small family to have a good education. RWHITTLE

London SW7

a hreath of fresh air. I play guitar and write songs in a hand, a creative pastime if ever there was one, but homework seemingly robs me of my free time and gives me no chance to and philosophy, but simple things like thinking and paying attention to the world around you are nearly impossible with a GCSE workload.

I don't want to go out and do drugs or rob people. I merely want enough time to be able to be myself. After a six-hour school day I am already tired enough, but with two and a half hours of homework the fatigue floods my brain.

If this is "Cool Britannia" then why aren't we encouraged to create? New Labour seems so happy with Britain's current batch of stars that it's forgotten about the future. Work, work, work! Homework! Welfare to-work! Is this a country or a company? DAN MCKEE

(aged 16) Balsall Common, West Midlands

I WAS at secondary school before I knew the gnawing dread which ac-

#### **LETTERS**

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and cast a deepening shadow over Sunday until it was eventually tack-

As a pupil at a wonderful but high-aiming state primary school, this debilitating anxiety has been a con- Fowlmere, Cambridgeshire stant in my daughter's life since she was just seven and formal homework. in addition to nightly reading, began. Not only has it become a routine and distressing battle between us to get homework done but she has already developed a profound dislike of learning for its own sake: reading to her is something you do when you must, but never for pleasure.

As a mature university student system which sets such great store on ing a portrait of Tony Blair? I FOUND Suzanne Moore's article more and more homework at an in- JON SUTCLIFFE creasingly early age, I can only observe that the general motivation. focus and passion to learn is at a depressingly low level in those who have just left secondary education. They play. I am also interested in politics are uninspired and unenthusiastic, discouraging to study with and, I suspect, dispiriting to teach.

We are such a long time adults with years full of obligations, deadlines and stress that we should be delighting in that brief period when life is comparatively carefree and exciting rather than seeking to pack it full of more and more pointless and exhausting work.

MARISA KELLY Richmond, Surrey

QUITE AFART from it being a shame if children were not to have time to sit and stare, that "idle" time is also developing a vital skill. Learning anything requires the ability to reflect; it is what distinguishes learning by rote from true understanding. Whether your child is trying to work out the latest twist in a soap opera plot deciding if the answer to everything is really 42 or working out why ANNA STANFORD companied the knowledge that cold water is colder than hot doesn't Friends of the Earth homework was yet to be completed. really matter. What is important is London NI

It diverted me from fun on Saturday that they are thinking, analysing, developing the skill of reflection and therefore of learning itself.

And is not Labour's ultimate goal lifelong learning? MELISSA HAWKER

MESSRS Blunkett and Straware to be congratulated on their project to remodel young people in the image of New Labour, but can't things be taken just one stage further? After the exhausted but bright-eyed delinquents have completed their two hours and more of homework and are marching off to begin their curfew, why can't they sing rousing songs. learning alongside the products of a about Cool Britannia before salut-

#### Shell sees the light

SHELL'S decision to leave the antienvironment lobby the Global Climate Coalition is likely to represent a watershed in the fight to make oil companies recognise that their future profitability lies in shifting investment from climate-changing fossil fuels to more sustainable energy technologies - solar, wind and wave power.

While companies like Exxon are still in denial about the existence of glohal warming and are urging developing countries to base their future on oil, Shell now appears to be repositioning itself to become a leader in these greener industries. It recognises that this is an opportunity to win market share in a tough competitive climate.

It's time that other oil companies woke up to the economic benefits of . such a shift instead of exerting their influence over the US Senate to try to wreck the Kyoto climate agreement before it is even ratified.

Bishops on the road

YOUR article "£600,000 motoring bill for bishops" (21 April) leaves a misleading impression. The Church Commissioners pro-

vide suitable cars for bishops (mostby at the lower end of the 1.6 to 2.3 litre range) and 31 hishops also have a driver. The cars are not a perk; they are a resource for official use. Bishops, as leaders in the Church, carry out a range of responsibilities and commitments in their dioceses (some of similar size to the county) and may to find out in the autumn when the travel nationally. They need a safe. reliable and convenient means of transport, as happens without ques- do not have the energy, knowledge, tion in other walks of public life. or initiative to follow this up and as

church people. The money spent providing cars and drivers for hishops GRISELDA HALL is 0.1 per cent of this total and is met wholly by the Church Commissioners. It is wrong to make any connection between the meeting of these costs and the closure of churches. Fewer than 0.3 per cent of 16,000 parish churches have closed in each of the years 1994 to 97, arising from local proposals for the reorganisation of ministry, often due to changing population patterns and in some cases a new church opening.

PATRICK LOCKE Secretary: Church Commissioners London SW1

#### Distress signal

JULIEN EVANS (letter, 22 April) notes that, in your front page photograph of 21 April, Tony Blair and Yasser Arafat seem to have flagpoles with each other's flags coming out of their beads. I wonder how many people also noticed that the Union Jack emerging from Chairman Arafat was flying upside down, signalling distress. RALPH ESTLING Ilminster, Somerset

Cancer screening

YOU report after Linda McCartney's tragic death that the age at which breast cancer deaths peak is 70-84 Ca ("Searching for a cure for the silent killer of women", 21 April). It is surprising therefore that there is no NHS funding for regular screening with mammography after the age of 64. This seems short sighted as the care and treatment of cancer patients costs a great deal of money. Or perhaps is there a policy to reduce the number of geniatric grannies in the

It is possible to have a mammogram after the age of 64 but only if the woman remembers to telephone her local breast-screening agency every three years. I rang today and was told to "watch the local newspaper" screening service will arrive in my area. I am sure many elderly people The Church of England costs over a consequence develop untreatable £600m a year to run, much of which cancers. Perhaps GPs could send out comes from the generous giving of regular notices to these patients to remind them of the screening service.

Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire

#### Wrong grape

I WAS pleased that David Walker (Comment, 20 April) has such faith that the Wine Society is run for his benefit, but was rather worried that he seemed to have such a lack of information about exactly what he had bought from them!

Firstly, the oak harriques used for ageing Burgundy contain 225 litres of wine, not a hectolitre or so. Secondly, not a single grape of Cahernet Sauvignon is allowed in any red Burgundy appellation. Only Pinot Noir is allowed for red wines on the Côte d'Or. Thirdly he has no grasp of what level of wine he has bought. knowing only that it isn't Grand Cru, which accounts for a only a tiny proportion of wine made in the region. would not expect my customers to be as easily convinced to buy wines unseen and untasted. PAULJOHNSON

Great Gaddesden Wine Company Hertfordshire

### Sorry, we couldn't think what to call this article



book programmes on television or radio. It's because they can't think what to call

the programme. So they give up and do a cookery programme instead.

For the last year or two I have been involved in a literary quiz programme on Radio 4, and the big problem which producer Marc Jobst had right at the beginning was in trying to think of a name for the programme.

"We've temporarily called it Booked!." he told us all, back when they were making the pilot programme. "But if any of you can come up with a good name, there's

a prize going." I did actually sit down one day and chura out fifty possible titles for a book programme. It was fairly dispiriting. You are more or less forced to include "write". "read" or "book" in the title. That doesn't

I THINK I know why there aren't more leave a lot of scope. So you find yourself writing down titles such as Bookshelf and Bookmark and then remembering that there are already book programmes called Bookshelf and Bookmark, presumably given their titles after long sessions of people trying to think of good titles and failing, and you find yourself crossing them out again...

The only original titles I came up with with were along the lines of No. But I Heard the Quiz. and Well, I'll Be Bookered! and Author, Author! These, along with all other suggestions from other people taking part in the show were quite rightly turned down by the producer as being too unwieldy or too clever. He eventually went to the dusthin and retrieved the initial, rentative name, Booked!. Whether he also awarded himself the prize. I never learnt.

There's nothing really wrong with Booked! except that it's a rotten title, as

indeed is Bookmark, and Bookshelf, and The Write Stuff (the new TV programme presented by Nigel Williams which seems designed to deter people from wanting to be writers ) but in a sense rotten titles are the best titles. If you get a clever-clever title, it isn't terse enough to be remembered, or is not remembered with affection. Loose Ends is at first sight a bad title for anything, being so meaningless and giving no clue what the programme is about but lack of sharpness is what a title needs in order for you to imprint your own flavour on it. In other words, Loose Ends IS a good title. And Whose Line is it Any-

way? is not so good. Start the Week, Midweek and Stop the Week are estensibly threadbare, hardly good enough names for children's programmes. but they turned out fine in the real world, thanks to their naivete, all except Stop the Week, which became Stop the Week with Robert Robinson and thus acquired a limited shelf-life it hadn't had before.

Sometimes a programme does get n title which is just right - so right, in fact, that nobody notices. I am involved in a monthly Radio 2 programme which looks at new books on music, so Reading Music (which I didn't think of) is a title which fits like a glove. Russell Davies presents a new programme on Radio 4 which is chat about films, so Talking Pictures is an ideal title...

The most curious extension of all this recently has been the appearance of a new programme on Channel 4, all about books, presented by David Aaronovitch and Nigella Lawson, which I haven't seen - no, bold on, I did switch on once, but there was an interview with Martin Amis going on.

Anyway, they must have sweated blood to try to think of a new name for this new programme, snappy but simple, memorable but not too catchy, apt without be-

They finally called it Booked. Yes, after going through all the possible names for a book programme, they decided to give it the same name as a book

programme which has already been going out on Radio 4 for several years. How can this bappen? My only theory is based on what I was once told by a BBC radio producer who

had been given the dismal job of devising an Easter Holiday special, and then given the even more dismal job of inding a name for it.

"Finally, in despair." he told me, "I played the silly arse and told them I'd like to call it Easter Eggstra. To my horror they all agreed and said it was a great name." Sounds like the way a programe gets called Booked, to me.



### The view from Istanbul: all homework and faith healers



RORY BREMNER'S DIARY

66 TEXPECT things are easier after the Bafta's," says the editor. "Think so", I say cheerily. I was anticipating a quiet week. I cocked up. Turning over the page in my diary I see the following: Tuesday: After-dinner show in London. Wednesday: Show in Istanbul (Don't ask). Thursday: Domingo in Parsifal at the Festival Hall. Friday: Show in London, Saturday: Loch Lomond - Golf Tournament. Sunday: Breakfast with Frost/Charity show in evening. Monday: Art exhibition launch, followed by cabaret and brief speech at party. Thesday: Dinner in Dublin. And so

I'd done a few award ceremonies before, including one for Mobile Phone Salesmen, where 600 men sat in a room arguing about who had the smallest one, and the Carpet Layer of the Year awards, where the floor show was provided by the four finalists who entered to the theme from Rocky and proceeded to lay a carpet, while 300 of us ate our prawn cocktail, occasionally brushing away the showers of sweat flying off the toiling nomi-

view Julia Roberts who was at first monosyllabic, even with the difficult questions like, "Have you been to London before?" I flailed. around pathetically, stammered a few inept questions and realised we were creating a new category. Best Conversation Not In The Eoglish Language.

Connery, and a nomination for Billy Connolly, ago, we lost our way in a dried-up river bed I found myself wanting to paraphrase Colin in the middle of nowhere. We must have Welland's memorable battlecry following Chariots of Fire's Oscar. The Scottish are

esteem in which he is held around the world, distance a tiny cloud of dust betrayed the presmade the decision to overrule his knighthood: , ence of another vehicle. Saved! As it edged seem all the more curroudgeonly. After all, ... nearer, we realised it was a small Renault with it would have made him the first Bond to be : two middle-aged people inside. "You speak dubbed since George Lazenby. At the end of "French, Rory," said Tarik, our leader. "Ask the programme I was told there was to be a ... them where we are." I duly stammered my statement from Lord Puttnam. I thought how way through an incompetent enquiry in very New Labour it would be for the Gov.: French. There was a moment's silence as the ernment to crown the evening with the an-couple looked at each other. "'ere." said the nouncement of an honour for Connery. Sadly, I was wrong. We were to be told of the death of Linda McCariney.

I sometimes wonder how the Americans view the British equivalent of the Oscars. The brilliant Stephen Fry, who during the Craft Award section (later edited out, alas ... ) had delivered an inspired tribute to hair ("Hair. Bremner." (sigh) "Yes." Wearily I held out Haair! Our dearest friend, our bitterest enemy. It accompanies us on all of life's journeys. Mealtimes without hair are unthinkable, 'looking wallet. "You left this is the gents, and yet it is almost completely medible"), re- mate". Sic transit gloria mundi.

minded me of a memorable exchange a few years ago, when Griff Rhys Jones, presenting the show in London, linked to Mel Smith, who was waiting with the American recipients in Los Angeles. So tell me, are they excited about the awards over there?" said Griff. Mel gave a very king, laconic look at the camera, before replying, deadpan. They speak of little cise."

'd never been to Istanbul before; it's a fascinating teeming romantic place. My first impression is of a cross between Athens and Karachi, as its position straddling Europe and Islamic Asia would suggest. But the Bosporus, the straight which divides the city and the continents, is a great sight, and like all the massive waterways that cross Europe, fills me with a longing to travel by boat or train across this continent, exploring cities made more exotic by their connection with the Orient Express. Islanbul, Vienna, Bucharest, Ash-

Watching Britain from afar, catching information from snatched glimpses of a newspaper or from television in airport lounges gives you a pleasantly distorted picture of life back home.

I'm concerned, for example, that the Government has now laid down guidelines stating the amount of homework to be done by each MP. And intrigued that Tony Blair has marked his First Anniversary in charge by appointing the services of a faith bealer to inspire his team. I may be getting all this wrong.

I am, however, very interested to read that the Headmaster of Charterhouse's decision to release pupils once they have finished their last A-level has been greeted with howls of protest from parents. They apparently do not want their children back so early and are withholding fees for the three weeks the pupils will not now be spending at school. This is marvellous. The fact that the kids are not wanted at school ("too disruptive") and face persecution if they are returned home must entitle them to some form of asylum. It also confirms that one of the main purposes of public school is to act as a form of kennels for This was different. I died trying to inter- children while the parents get on with their lives, which, as a public schoolboy myself, I can tell you is little comfort as you're bundled into that Group 4 Security van back to school to cries of "It's for your own good!"

ecognition is an odd fruit. Ask any greengrocer. Driving with friends With awards for Robert Carlyle and Sean . . . . . through Morocco a couple of years looked an odd sight - a flotilla of 1960s Alfa Romeos, VW Beetles and an old Aston Martin with an Australian metals broker under-The reception given to Connery, and the neath trying to mend the exhaust. Away in the husband. "Are you that bloke off the telly?".

Lest you think any of this is head-swelling stuff, let me tell you real life has ways of deflating you faster than a Branson balloon, as I discovered in France last summer, when I was approached at a restaurant table.

"Are you Mr Bremner?" "Yes." "Mr Rory my hand to accept the proffered autograph book and pen, only to be handed a familiar-

# I haven't got my tickets to the World Cup - and I don't care



The World Cup is everywhere, even on the sides of aeroplanes; but who thinks about those who want to avoid it?



SUZANNE **MOORE** 

A NATIONAL **OBSESSION** 

THERE are certain occasions when no one can seriously doubt the theory that parallel universes do actually exist.

I am in one at the moment and can make out a few shadowy shapes that may well turn out to be other sentient beings. I may even start a belp-line for people like myself, sad, uniformed folks who do not even know when the World Cup

Ohviously I have not spent bours on the phone trying to get a ticket. It is apparently easier to win the National Lottery. but then I don't buy the nickets for that either. I can't honestly say that I am appalled that the voice on the answering machine in France speaks French, as some are. Nor do I think it amazingly unfair that the country that bosts the World Cup gets to sell some nickets to its own citizens.

Of course some fans will be disappointed, but that is the nature of the game, isn't it? Flashes of elation interspersed with long periods of losing, tedium and queuing? Surely we should be pleased at this golden opportunity to unite our two glorious national obsessions hating the French and kicking halls around muddy fields, in

one go.

The assumption bowever, that this game, football, is an issue of vital importance 10 every citizen of this particular nation is starting to drive me mad. Presumably by the end of whole saga I will be completely certifiable as soccer saturation is about to occur. Those who do not ear, drink and sleep football, should be afraid, very afraid indeed.

Its not that I don't like the sport. I just don't care that much about it and would like to able to ignore it if I so choose. Chance would be a fine thing. My beef isn't even that it is a guy thing. I know many women who care passionately about football or at least do a good job of faking it. Yet I cannot get behind our boys in... I have no idea what colour they wear. Does this mean that I

become all things to all men. For some it is a badge of workaday blokedom, masculine credibility, an important sign of ordinariness. For others its great appeal is that it now cuts through class barriers and provides a way of talking passionately about something rather insignificant. I don't blame Nick Hornby, He liked football when it was recognised for what it was: as a rather sad, deranged and downmarket bobby. He liked it when it was about as fashionable as The Eagles, when the only other peo-

I'm not sure who is Jesus. It has

but of desperation. No. I blame Tony Blair for jumping, or being pushed by Alastair Campbell into rebranding himself as a bornagain football fan. I guess this

ple who liked it carried Stanley

knives. He liked it when it was

not a signifier of authenticity

what is assumed to be the only progressive at the same time. I have witnessed similarly strange conversions among lots of men I know. Men who five years ago boasted that they

conversation worth having. The argument ibat football is a way of men talking about their feelings is one that I have didn't even know who Cantona never bought. I do not think men should be encouraged to was have now come out as lifelong football fans. It's weird, talk about their feelings any more than they already do. The isn't it, that during their years at Oxford or Cambridge they world is dominated by men telling us at enormous length never even mentioned it. Likthat they cannot express theming football, became, like lisselves. Nor do I mind if peotening to Oasis, a sign of good ple use football or soap operas old-fashioned solidarity. Solior pop music as a way into a darity with wbat? you might ask. With other people like common language - that's what popular culture is all about yourself, or different from yourself? With an idea of solbut I do object to the bizarre idarity? It doesn't really matsynthesis of sport, patriotism ter these days. Rather than and politics that football has bebeing about class, sport as with

Alien that I am, I do not understand quite what it is that I supposed to be obsering on for the sidelines. Englishness? Britishness? The Labour government? A collection of alcoholics and wife - beaters with good legs? Or a selection of young gods? Some great home-coming of soccer and so-cialism? What's it all about

"All our hopes and expectations/Are the world inside a hall", or so goes the official World Cup song On Top of the World. Are they really? If that's the case then isn't that really rather pathetic?

Some people's hopes and expectations may be fied to the results of a foothall match but then you can always fool some of the people some of the time. The rest of us hope and expect that we might be allowed to miss the whole ball game. Some hope, But what a great expectation. If you want to know the score, I suggest you look away now.

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Men who five years ago boasted that they didn't even know who Cantona was have now come out as life-long football fans. It's weird, isn't it, that during their years at Oxford they never even mentioned it

should he stripped of my nationality, that I should find myself alienated from the narrative of the nation, that I should end up hefuddled in supermarkets because now even doughnuts are named after

foothall players? There are, I realise, many other parallel universes - fashion, art and politics for instance, but I think its safe to say that you can, if you so desire, ignore them and get on with your life. Football though bas been elevated from a sport into a faith. Alan Shearer is God.

was a master-stroke in the radical populist game of New Labour. Major bad his warm beer and cricket while, Blair could be vaguely athletic and do "headers" with Kevin Keegan, without even disturbing his bairstyle, obviously a requisite for a successful prime minister. Football became cuddly and wbolesome again. A family activity. We will just ignore the cocaine and wife-battering and sheer, unadulterated racism for the time being. Football now manages to be nostalgic

and modern, regressive and

not being blessed with the football gene, the future looks bleak. Stories of small boys ostracised by their peers just because they are not interested in this particular sport abound. The same thing happens with grown-ups too. If you cannot speak the international language of football then you simply cannot take part in

so many leisure activities, has

become a way of transcending

class. Or avoiding it. You can

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SENGUPTA THE REALITY BEHIND THE RHETORIC

HEY would bave us believe we are now travelling the Third Way, a brave new journey away from the tired and dogmatic government models of the past. But this, I say, is just New Labour camouflage. Tony Blair is a leftie, and the Government he leads is, to be brutally frank, socialist. I know that his former friends and neighbours in Islington, people who thought they knew him, would start choking on their rocket salads at this, but choke they must. The evidence is there.

It is certainly not something they boast about at Millbank. Indeed there would be acute embarrassment if Rupert Murdoch or Lord Rothermere began to take a close interest. But in less than a year Mr Blair and his cabinet have pushed through a whole raft of measures which would have had delegates raising their pints of Boddingtons at Blackpool at party conferences a decade

This proposition, of course, would be hotly disputed by many, not just in old Labour, who see the mark of betrayal and appeasement in almost every move this government makes. The examples are obvious, and acres of newsprint have been devoted to them: Formula One and tobacco sponsorship, taking away single parents benefit, taxing pension funds, not giving government time to the hunting

with dogs Bill. None of these, however, break manifesto promises, however unattractive they may be to the party's traditional supporters.

No one is suggesting that in the privacy of No 10 Mr Blair and his cabinet shed their Paul Smith suits, don Mao caps and donkey jackets, and belt out The Internationale. But there have been major changes and bere are just some of them:

an essentially redistributive budget, one in which a socialist may take pride, up to a point, according to the Institute of Fiscal Studies; including the restitution of part of the single parents benefit:

an extra £2bn for the NHS, £300m of which came from the Ministry of Defence and the DTI; # £5bn raised from the

windfall tax for the New Deal for the anemployed; an extra £2.5bn for edu-

cation, including money from windfall tax: the adoption of the European Convention on Human

Chapter; liberalisation of immigration laws; attempts to follow an

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ethical foreign policy: constitutional reform for Scotland and Wales;

forcing the Defence top hrass to do much more to encourage recruitment of women and ethnic minorities;

stopping police officers escaping corruption investigations by retiring on sickness pensions: ordering the Stepben

Lawrence enquiry; m bringing in union recognition and introducing a national minimum wage:

proposing to offer a lifeline to the miners after 20 years of government apathy. Frank Dobson's recent

speech announcing extra cash

for Health Action Zones to

tackle specific problems in particularly deprived areas rung with neo-Bevanite phrases: young people growing up in ravaged communities... acute deprivation". It provided an easy target for the sketch writers who depicted it as a throwback to a more romantic, naive and doctrinaire time. But what Dobson was saying was not so far removed from the mainstream. What about cutting the arms budget to provide more for schools and hospitals? Or tightening the rules on police corruption? Or overturning two decades of government hostility to offer the miners a helping hand? We may well see future party conferences (al-

manded ten years ago. Something else clamoured for at the wilderness years' party conferences was renationalisation of privatised industries.

though not in Blackpool of

course) roaring their approval

at reforms of the type de-

But should, in the latter half of the 1990s, a failure to do that be seen as a retreat from socialism? That certainly is not the consensus on internationally, where one encounters the continuous dismantling of the state sector with China ( the last "socialist" power) one of the most active deconstructors.

In those conferences of estervear there were also calls for higher direct taxation, with the cry: "People do not mind paying a few more pennies on their income tax for the NHS and schools". But actually a lot do, although they might not admit it in public

But there is no intrinsic reason why money should not be raised from the well-off by other means, as the Government is doing now - such as getting them to pay more towards their pensions and imposing nonregressive indirect taxes, such as higher taxes on large company cars. If socialism is "no more and no less than a criticism of the idea of property in the light of public good, as HG Wells held, then can Mr Blair's gov-

ernment not claim to qualify? Furthermore, there is no valid Keynsian argument for a major round of public spending, leading to a never-ending budget deficit. Successive Labour governments in the past went on a spending sphurge in the first few years in office, only to have to tighten their

belts just in time for the next

election. If Gordon Brown is building up a war chest, Labour supporters should welcome that as good politics. The Government has also

been accused of genuflecting to

keep in with Middle England.

But some of the social measures it has introduced would hardly appeal to that constituency - such as, changing the immigration rules to make it easier for unmarried and gay couples to settle in Britain and putting pressure put on the armed forces hierarchy to broaden the recruitment base to reflect the make-up of society. Neither was expected. These measures are about fairness, as is the public enquiry into the murder of Stephen Lawrence. It would be cynical to think these three initiatives are just attempts to hold on to the votes of the ethnic minorities; that certainly is not the perception among blacks and Asians I have spoken to. John Major, no doubt. was every bit against racism and bigotry as Tony Blair, but this Prime Minister is doing much more about it.

Where will it all end? Mr Blair and his government canters along at the opinion polls and the Conservatives show no sign of being an effective opposition. The reforms will roll on steadily, but with little acknowledgement, Ministers will carry on talking tough. It will continue to he a socialism which dare not speak it's name.

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MANLIS was the dominant figure in Greek political life for the last 40 years and an active player on the political scene for the last 60. His exceptional career as President of the Hellenic Republic (1980-85 and 1990-95) and Prime Minister 11955-63 and 1974-80) was devoted to the realisation of three major objectives: the firm establishment of a workable system of constitutional democracy, the integration of Greece into the European Community, and a leading to a mutually acceptable solution in Cyprus. The historical magnitude of these undertakings, of which only the last remains unfulfilled, would daunt any politician who did not possess Karamanlis's authority and exceptional statesmanship.

The eldest child of a Macedonian schoolteacher who (1912-13), was taken hostage by the Bulgarians and died soon after, Karamanlis spent his childhood in the Macedonian village of Proti, The traditional values of Greek Orthodox Christianity were inculcated into the young boy's mind by a strong and loving mother to whom Karamanlis remained attached for the rest of her life.

Conditions at home were Sparian and Karamanlis occasionally worked in the tobacco fields surrounding his village; he was also obliged to assume responsibility for six siblings at an early age. After studying law at the University of Athens he returned to his native province. Serres with the right-wing Populist Purty at the age of 28. He was re-elected the following year (1936) in what proved to be the last free elections in Greece before the Metaxas dictatorship that ruled until the outbreak of the Second World War.

Karamanlis spent the war years mostly in Athens attempting to organise (with C. against the Germans, In July 1944 he sailed for Cairo in order to join the Greek government-in-exile hut was held under arrest by the Greek Communists (ELAS) and later by the British Command in Syria.

He returned to Greece after the war, regained his purliain the Constantine Tsaldaris eabinet, a key post in the posttry. Earlier that year, he had

CONSTANTINE KARA- Sophocles Venizelos to Washington which secured the instigation of the Marshall Plan for Greece as well as the granting of 100 Liberty-type ships to Greek shipping in compensation for the significant losses it had suffered during the war.

His successive appointments as Minister of Labour (1947). Transport (1948), Social Welfare (1948-50) and Defence (1950) offered him valuable governmental experience. He created the basic framework for the country's national welfare system rapprochement with Turkey and successfully masterminded the repatriation of 700,000 Civil War refugees from Bulgaria. Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union, Following the dissolution of the Populist Party, Karamanlis joined the Greek Rally of General Alexander Papagos for the successful elections of November 1952 and was again entrusted with the crucial minfought in the Balkan Wars istries of Public Works (1952-54) and Transport (1954-55).

It was during this period that he enhanced his reputation as a man of action by transforming Athens into a modern capital and hy laying the foundations for the national network of highways which eventually developed into the hest road system in the Balkans. Construction of the large electricity-generating dams of the Axios, Aliakmon and Acheloos rivers got under way while major airports and harhours were enlarged and improved.

After Papagos's sudden death in October 1955, King Paul recommended Karamanlis to succeed him. Parliament where he was elected MP for ratified the appointment with 200 votes for, 77 against. Karamanlis wielded his new-

gained power with decisiveness and perspicacity. He disbanded the Greek Rally party, thus eliminating his fractious opponents, founded his own National Radical Union (ERE) and proclaimed elections for February 1956, ERE won with a large majority (47,3 per cent Tsutsos, Z. Zolotas, G. Mayros of the vote and los scats) and and others) political tesistance Karamanlis gained the prime ministership in his own right.

Similar political victories fol-

lowed in 1958 (41.1 per cent of the vote, 171 MPs) and in 1961 (50.7 per cent. 176 MPs), with the result that Karamanlis remained prime minister for an unprecedented continuous period of eight years (1955-63). His mentary seat in 1946 and was humble origins, handsome hearmade Minister of Public Works ing and easy-going temperament stood him in good stead with Greek voters. His honesty. war effort to rehuild the coun- forthrightness and practical dynumism safeguarded his repuparticipated in the mission of tation as a man of deeds, not



Karamanlis arrives to cast his vote in Athens in November 1974, in the first parliamentary election in Greece for 10 years

words, Indeed, public speaking had always been his weak point (perhaps because of a hearing defect from youth) and he remained a mumbler. He was advised to keep his sentences short,

Karamanlis's oktaetia (eightyear rule) was a peaceful and productive hiatus in the turhulence of modern Greek history, Between 1956 and 1963 arable land grew by 70 per cent and the country's agricultural production by 60 per cent. Industrial growth made a similar leap, with the establishment of refineries, chemical plants, steel mills, shipbuilding and cement factories.

One of Karamanlis's early achievements in foreign policy was the signing in 1959 of the Zurich and London agreements recognising the right of Cyprus to self-determination. Cyprus was granted full independence from Britain the following year.

Karamanlis strongly believed in the idea of the European Community and in Greece's constructive role within it. The initial Protocol of Incorporation was signed in July 1961. During 1962-63 Karamanlis attempted to revise the constitution by proposing the creation of a Supreme Constitutional Court which would exercise ultimate authority on the legality of political parties (the Communist Party was illegal at the time and could not take part in elections) and on the abuse of individual or civil rights (such as civil servants' right to strike).

Karamanlis felt constrained by his government's inability to exercise adequate control over the armed forces and by the Crown's involvement with political and military decisions. He sought to extend constitutional reform further to include a redrafting of the electoral system. King Paul was alarmed and.

within a few days, 15 government deputies defected in protest at an alleged private pact between Karamanlis and the Liberals. Weeks later, in May 1963, public opinion was shaken by the brutal murder of the sion to abstain from politics for left-wing MP Gregory Lambrakis while demonstrating at a peace rally in Thessaloniki. The ty, he made the enigmatic propolice were accused of complicity and Karamanlis found himself pilloried in parliament

ernment to gain the upper hand. Adding insult to injury, King Paul chose that inopportune moment to demand that his prime minister accompany him and Oucen Frederika on an of-

for ineptitude in allowing ultra-

right elements within his gov-

ficial visit to London. Britain was extremely unpopular with the Greeks for its pro-Turkish stance on the Cyprus negotiations. There were demands that the royal visit be cancelled and violent demonstrations erupted in Athens and Thessaloniki. On 11 June, Karamanlis submitted his resignation, implicitly blaming the king for popular unrest.

Elections were held in November that year and yielded a political impasse with no party gaining a clear majority. In a parliament of 300, the Centre Union gained 140 seats to the ERE's 129, and its elderly leader George Papandreou was given the mandate. Karamanlis realised that Greece had entered a new phase of instability and took the unexpected deci-

an unspecified period. In an open letter to his parnouncement that his absence might "help Greece overcome this long-term political deadlock". On 9 December he and his wife flew incognito to Paris. He remained there until the collapse in 1974 of the military junta that ruled Greece after the Colonels' coup in April 1967.

ly as December 1967 he chastised the Colonels as a "government of half-wits" and called upon young King Constantine to replace them with an interim administration which would restore parliamentary democracy. Following the king's abortive coup Colonels to surrender power to a government that would hold

elections. The junta's foolhardy attempt to assassinate Archbishop Makarios and unilaterally: annex Cyprus to Greece signalled its ultimate demise. In July 1974, Karamanlis was rethousands holding candles and the Resurrection, "Christos within Nato walls. Anesti" ("Christ is Risen").

in November 1974 and Kara-7 elections and Karamanlis remanlis's party, the New Democ- tained the premiership until. racy, polled 54 per cent of the 1930. He enjoyed undisputed Greece 8 March 1907; MP 1935-67, vote against the Centre Union's 20 per cent. The Colonels and their collaborators were brought to justice; the issue of the Paris became the centre of monarchy was resolved by refanti-dictatorial activity and erendum (December 1974); spite of the world energy crisis, April 1998.

Karamanlis its leader. As ear-, and a new constitution was drafted miroducing the office of president of the republic to he elected by parliament every five years.

The spirit of reconciliation prevailed over political divisiveness and helped the nation regain its self-respect after the d'état, Karamanlis exhorted the disastrous Cyprus débacle. Greece's Treaty of Association with the EC was re-activated and Karamanlis campaigned for full entry. When told that this would become easier if Greece were to re-enter the Nato military alliance which she had quit over the Cyprus crisis, Karamanlis voiced the councalled to his native land to try's profound disappointment tional Unity. As his plane land- Turkey's unprovoked invasion of of 14 July, he was welcomed by - he wisely pleaded for re-entry: . Greece's grievances had a much chanting the Paschal hymn of hetter chance of being heard

The New Democracy pre-National elections were held vailed in the November 1977. authority, steered the country toward union with the EC, improved social policies and generated economic prosperity.

Greece's GNP grew by 26.5 per cent, inflation by a cumulative 14 per cent only and per capita income by 92 per cent. Karamanlis showed personal interest in the Vergina excavations which unearthed the wonderful finds of the Macedonian tombs of Philip and Alexander. He initiated the campaign to return the Olympic Games to their ancient site at Olympia.

In 1980, he removed himself from the leadership of the New Democracy and accepted his party's nomination for the press. idency. Duly elected by parlinment, he held the post for five years, four of them with Pasok's Andreas Papandreou as prime minister. The alliance proved uneasy as Karamanlis could not condone Papandreou's socialist policies. Two months before his term was due to expire, in March 1985, Karamanlis resigned in protest at the government's plans to reform the constitution and deprive the presidency of substantial prerogatives.

In the elections of March 1990, the New Democracy managed a small majority and Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis offered Karamanlis the presidency for a second time. He staved for a full term and handed over to his successor. Kostis Stephanopoulos, in March 1995. After retiring to his family home in Politeia, Athens he was especially proud to see his nephew Constantine A. Karamanlis elected leader of the New Democracy Party in 1997.

Karamanlis was the leading statesman in Greece for the past 50 years. The only politician to whom he can be compared is Eleftherios Venizelos, who dominated Greek politics for the first half of this century. Both men initiated far-reaching constitutional reforms, both overcame the destructive influence of short-lived dictatorships, both withdrew into self-imposed exile and returned home to win landslide elections. Moreover both men maintained and preached a dochead a Government of Na- at Nato's lack of action over trine of independence for Greece based on pro-Western ed in Athens in the small hours the island. At home, however, diplomacy, military strength, friendship with Greece's Orthodox Christian neighbours in the Balkans and normalisation of relations with Turkey.

#### . Michael Moschos

Constantine George Karamanlis, lawyer and politician born Proti. 1974-80; Prime Minister of Greece 1955-63, 1974-80; President of Greece 1980-85, 1990-95; married . 1952 Amalia Kanelopoulos (marriage Between 1974 and 1980, in dissolved 1969); died Athens 23

#### **Henri Henriod**

l'ather-figure of rock'n roll tour tie skills stood him in good stead managers - or roadies, as they

are called today. He was horn in London in 1936 (found in a sink by a neighbour after his French mother Anais was taken ill), the ly in love with him, it wasn't only sun of a Swiss-born Savov Hotel chef, also called Henri. He hoxed from the age of 11. Little Richard and Jerry Lee through boxing turned to wrestling, and was taken out on tour by the promoter Paul Lincoln, who was also the owner of night of that tour in 1964, the the rock n'roll haunt the 2 Is coffee har in Soho, London.

on the road with such American rock heavyweights as Little Richard. Gene Vincent. Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry and Brenda Lee, who fell hopeless-

the fans Henriod had to fight off. When a promoter booked Lewis to appear on the same hill Henriod often had to separate them. On the opening two stars argued over which should close the show. Henri-When Henriod made the od settled it with the toss of a coin which Richard won, hut, as

off the stage at Doncaster Gaumont, he set fire to his piano and called out to Richard, waiting in the wings to go on. "Follow that, black man." It was Henriod who put out the fire, saving the show, just as he did with a hundred others during

rock'n'roll's most turbulent era. His friendship with Gene Vincent, a chronic alcoholic, was traumatic and the "Be Bop a Lula" star would have been finished years before his death in 1971 if it had not been for Henroad. On one occasion Henri-

dium, hecause he was simply too drunk to perform.

For several years Henriod was the UK representative of the Star Club in Hamburg and was responsible for booking the Beatles there in 1962. He became a particular friend of John Lennon, but despaired when "the Beatle that bites", as Henriod called him, could not be weaned off the mind-altering substances (mostly LSD) to which he had become addicted. riod keeping his show on the In 1978 he was amazed to en- of Jimi Hendrix and was recounter Lennon walking down sponsible for bringing Emper-

HENRI HENRIOD was the to rock'n'roll tours, his pugilis- Lewis - a known racist - walked stage for ITV's live show Sun- York. The first thing Henriod Pasternak's son) to Britain and : partnership with Nigel Stanger day Night at the London Pulla- noticed was the smart threepiece suit that Lennon was wearing and his neat haircut. "Why didn't you give us a

ring to say you were here?" Lennon asked. "I don't have your phone

number." Henri replied. "I'm in the book," said Lennon, clearly happy that the 1969, "Saved by the Bell", enmost respected roadie in the business was there to witness his full recovery.

As a manager Henriod helped to launch the UK career od had to stop Vincent going on a street on the West Side of New or Rosko (the film producer Joe Chandler successfully went into

securing his contract with Radio 1 at its launch in 1967, which led to Rosko's becoming one of eys of the Sixties. When Robin Gibh briefly left the Bee Gees, Henriod was there to accompany him on his gigs at the time of his first solo hit in couraging the nervous star (often with the end of his boot) to

He was also tour manager to the Animals, accompanying them several times to America. The Animals' hassist Chas

go on stage.

to develop the Newcastle Arena; and they invited Henriod to join them in setting up Britain's hest-known disc jock- a "rock'n roll village" in Liverpool. After Chandler's death in 1996 Henriod took his place as Stanger's partner in the venture, which has now come close to fruition. After his death, Henriod was

described by Sir Jimmy Savile as "One of the greats. The people he moved with may have been them Henri was the star." Henriod leaves, as he put it.

"No children that I know of." Chris Hutchins



Henriod: star roadie

Henri Edward Albert Marcel Henristars to the public, but among od, tour manager: born Landon B luly 1936; morried 1971 Jill Rosenthal (marriage dissolved 1980), 1983 Dinky Davis (nee Rose); died Watford, Hertfordshire 27 March 1998.

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HATTON: David Albert, of Mick-leaver, Derby, born on 2 April 1957, died peacefully on 22 April 1958, will be sadle missed, Funeral Wednesday re sain missed, function wednesday N April Service 10.15am in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Mick-lewer, Derby, followed by private cremation, Family flowers only, pleuse, donations in lieu for Greenease, domainous in tien for Oreen-tice may be sent too 101 Macklin St. erby DEL ILG. LLEWELYN: How Simon, aged 33

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LLEWELYN: Huw Simon, aged 33 cears, much loved husband of Michele, deeply loved son of Robert and Billie, beloved hotcher of Rebeath and Ben, cherished grandson of Doroths. Llewelyn, also uncle to Toby and Jacob, ded in New York on 21 April after a very brief illness, Funeral Service at 5t Catherine's Church, Gloucester, on Tuesday 28 April at 12 noon, Interment at South Cerney. Meniumal Service in New York to be announced later, Enquiries to Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, Jessel Brown 0171–478 5451. Flowers may be sent to Goodwins Fureral Directors. Barron Street, Gloucester, 1452 522856, or donations to the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy at 1 Dean Trench Street, London SW1F 34B.

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Mr Ralph Brown, sculptor, 70: Field Marshal Lord Carver, former Chief of the Defence Staff, 83: Mr John Ernest Collins, former chairman. Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group, 75; Lord Coulsfield, Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland. 64; Sir Peter Cresswell, High Court judge, 54; Sir Clement Freud, writer and former MP. 74; Dame Helen Gar-diner, former chief clerk, Private Palace, 97: Mr Fred Heddell, chief executive. Mencap, 53: Rear-Admiral Sir Joseph Henley, 89; Mr Richard Jarman, arts consultant and former general director, Scottish Opera, 49; Mr Robert McCarmey MP, 62; Mr Andrew MacKinlay MP, 49: Miss Shirley Maclaine, actress, 64: Ms. Margaret Moran MP. 43: Mr Jumes Paice MP, 49; Sir Hugh Park, former High Court judge, 88: Mr Stuart Pearce, tootballer, 36: Mr Joseph Rank, tormer president, Ranks Hovis McDougali. 80: Miss Bridger Ri-ley. painter, 67: Mr Martin Seymour-Smith, writer, 70: Miss Barbra Streisand, actress and singer, 50: Hill House School, 89: Mr Frank

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Prince of Wales, Patron, BBC National Cy-chestra of Wales, altends a 7th bortheav an-internaty concern at 80 bavids Hall, Catolif The Duries of York, Patron, attends a treeption go-en by the Jubikes Sading Treat at Chaptonorth Hours, Parthodure The Durke of Keng, Vice-Chairman, the British Overeas Trade Board, as beach, a beauter marking the Common of the

John Williams, guitarist, 57; Miss Paula Yates, television presenter, 38.

Anniversaries

Births: Anthony Trollope, writer, and inventor of the pillar box, 1815. Deaths: Daniel Defoe, writer, 1731; The Duchess of Windsor (Wallis Simpson I. 1986. On this day: Mary. Queen of Sonts, aged 16, married th Dauphin of France, 1558; founded by Sir Arthur Pearson, the first issue of the Daily Express appeared, 1900. To-day is the Feast Day of St Eghert, St Fidelis of Sigmaringen. St tyes or Ivo. St Mary Euphrasia Pelletier. St McIlitus of Canterbury and St William

Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Subbath

begins in London at 7.58pm. regins in London at 7-SSpm.
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Synagogues: 0171-380 1663. Reform
Synagogues of Great Britain 081-349
4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jews
Congregation: 0171-289 2573. New
London Synagogue (Masorti): 0171328 1026.

deut, at Cunidhall, London ECE, Princess Alexandra attends a reception to be given by the Tower Hamilto Colf People's Welfare Trust at the Law Society, London W.C.

Changing of the Guard

#### LAW REPORT: 24 APRIL 1998

### Degree of foresight required in joint attack

Regina v Uddin; Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Beldam, Mr Justice Johnson and Mr Justice Wright) 19 March 1998

When considering the degree of foresight required to impose liability for murder on a party to a joint enterprise who had not actually inflicted the fatal injury, the considerations applicable in a case where the death resulted from a spontathose applicable in a case agreement to commit a violent

offence. retried. The victim had died of a stab wound inflicted in the knife as a possibility.

dul Tahid, who had apparent- abel Delamere (Crown Prosecution their disposal, and giving no ly produced a flick knife as he Service) for the Crown. joined in the attack. Apart from the evidence of one witness, who said he had heard someone shout: "Stah him!" there was no evidence that any of the other men knew that Tahid had a knife.

The appellant and Tahid were convicted of murder. The appellant appealed against conviction on the ground, inneous attack differed from teralia, that in dealing with the question of joint enterprise where there had been a prior the trial judge had failed in direct the jury, in accordance with R v Powell: R v English [1997] The Court of Appeal al- 3 WLR 959, that in order to lowed the appeal of Rejan Ud- convict the appellant of murdin against his conviction of der they had to be sure that, as armed robbery, did not readimurder, but ordered that he be a secondary party to the killing, he had foreseen the use of a

fatal blow was delivered by Ab- appellant: Michael Pen QC and Is- rious harm by any means at ers were not responsible for the

Lord Justice Beldam said that in R v Powell; R v English Lord Hutton had said that if a secondary party had contemplated the act causing death as a possible incident of the joint venture, he was liable unless the risk was so remote that the jury took the view that the secondary party had genuinely dismissed it as altogether negligible.

Such an analysis of the assessment of risk, whilst appropriate in the case of criminals who agreed together in advance to commit an offence such as ly fit the spontaneous behaviour of a group of irrational. individuals who jointly attacked course of an attack on him by Roy Amlot QC and Michael Levy a common victim, each insix men using poles or bars. The (Register of Criminal Appeals) for the tending severally to inflict se- a specific intent to kill, the oth-

thought to the means by which the others would individually commit similar offences on the same person.

> joined to attack a victim intending to inflict serious harm and as a result the victim sustained a fatal injury, they were jointly liable for murder. If. however, the jury concluded that the death of the victim was caused by the actions of one participant which could be said to be of a completely different the others, they were not to be the attack. regarded as parties to the death.

Where several persons

The use of a weapon by the party causing death was a significant factor. If its character was different from any weapon used or contemplated by the others, and if it was used with

death unless it was proved that: they knew or foresaw the likelihood of the use of such a weapon.

Where, after a concerted attack, the evidence did not establish who had used the weapon which had caused the death, the participants would all be guilty of murder if they had foreseen its use. If, however, the circumstances did not show foresight of the use of such a weapon, none of them would be guilty of murder aithough they might individually have comtype to those contemplated by mitted offences in the course of

> . In the present case the inry's attention had not been specifically focused on the use of the knife by Tahid, and whether on the evidence they were sure that the others had been aware that he might use it.

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister



# 21/BUSINESS

BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR, JEREMY WARNER NEWS DESK: 0171-293 2636 FAX: 0171-293 2098 E-MAIL: INDVBUSINESS@INDEPENDENT.CO.UK FINANCIAL JOURNAL OF THE YEAR

# Bank splits on forecasts for inflation

THE BANK of England is considering publishing two alternative inflation forecasts in its Inflation Report next month, reflecting the deep split over prospects for the economy and interest rates on its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

The move is likely to disappoint critics who would like the Bank to give a clear signal on mterest rates, ending the uncertainty over whether the cost of borrowing will rise any further.

The MPC considered opting for separate forecasts in February's Inflation Report, with two inflation "fan charts" showing the hawks' and doves' differing views about the risks to the economicoutlook posed by the strength of the pound. But it was decided that to do so without warning would come as too big a surprise to the finan-

The latest published minutes of the MPC's March meeting have now prepared the ground, however. If differences among the committee members over the outlook had become significant, the minutes said, "it would be necessary to publish fan charts corresponding to more than one forecast".

The February Inflation Report showed underlying inflation likely to be edging above its 2.5 per cent target two years bence, as did November's. The committee's doves did not want to show the same outlook for the third quarter running, as that would make it hard to justify keeping interest rates unchanged.

The Bank would not comment yesterday on a claim in the Financial Times that Charles Goodhart had switched from favouring a rate increase. to no change, making the April vote five-three against a rise, compared to four-four in March.

Nor would it comment on the universal assumption in the City that the newspaper report was a deliberate leak in order to massage the financial markets. That prompted calls for publication of the minutes to be speeded up.

Morgan Grenfell

about the situation.

The State of the S

However, many observers concluded anyway that the Bank wanted to tilt the financial markets towards the view that interest rates are now 2.7 high enough.

In an interview last weekend. Professor Goodbart conceded that recent data tended to "support the dovish side". And in a speech earlier this week Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England; said there were some "en-

couraging signs" of economic slowdown.published on 13 May, the same date as the Inflation Report, after the usual 5-6 week delay. .. age to exports. The committee next meets to vote on the cost

Despite the absence of any official confirmation of Professor Goodhart's reported change of heart, the markets took the pound lower yes-

It ended almost unchanged at just under DM3.00, having recovered from a steep earlier fall; but the sterling index declined by 0.3 to 105.9. The pound has shed 3 per cent in value since the beginning of April.

However, Gordon Brown repeated his desire for a stable pound yesterday, which made the currency jump from its earlier eight-week lows. "What we are not going to get into is the policy of continuously long-term devaluing the pound," the Chancellor said.

But Sir Colin Marshall, president of the Confederation of British Industry, warned that the strength of the pound was damaging exporters. "All the evidence highlights that there is real pressure on exporters' margins and that business is being lost to our competitors," he

He repeated the CBI's call for a "clear signal" from the Bank of England that interest rates had peaked, a plea rejected by Mr George earlier this week.

Short sterling futures held on to their significant initial gains yesterday, implying a drop in the expected future level of interest rates.

A majority of analysts now reckon rates are at their peak, and they found extra support in new figures for retail sales last month. The volume of sales on the high street rose 0.3 per cent in March, while the year-on-year growth rate fell to 4.1 per cent from 4.4. per cent.

The month to month changes in sales have been unusually volatile since the summer. Taking the latest three months together, in a better indication of the trend, the growth rate has fallen from 5.5 per cent to 5 per cent.

Anecdotal evidence suggests the high street has had a tough April, too, with had weather offsetting the favourable impact of a lale Easter. "Spending on the high street is slowing "Six weeks is obviously too long for eight peo-ple to keep quiet," said James Barty of Deursche down," said Nick Vangban of Barclays Capi-

'We're in firm no-comment mode today," said ..... However, the City's hawks warned against a Bank of England spokesman. Officials were ... over-confidence on rates. David Mackie at JI understood to he holding argent meetings . Morgan said: "It is still a close call. A raft of strong data might yet swing the doves." He said there was an outside chance of a rate increase

> Richard Iley at ABN Amro agreed. "Wehave not seen any really decisive data and are not entirely ont of the woods yet," he said.

The City expectation for today's GDP figures is that the economy will have grown by 0.5 per cent in the first quarter of 1998, a slight -slowdown. Next week brings the quarterly survey of manufacturing from the Confederation. Minutes of the MPC's April meeting will be . of British Industry, which is expected to show the strength of the pound causing further dam-

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ICI's accusers: Protesters outside the company's annual meeting in London yesterday

Photograph: Andrew Buurmar

# CI admits failings on pollution

By Andrew Yates

SIR Ronnie Hampel, chairman of ICL admitted yesterday that some of its older factories in the UK had suffered from "lapses in performance" in 1997 which environmentalists claim have led to severe pollution of British rivers. Friends of the Earth, the en-

rironinental group, disrupted the company's annual general meeting yesterday by holding a protest outside the QE2 conference centre in Westminster. Campaigners wearing ICI boil-

er suits and a selection of chemical and grotesque masks haoded out leaflets claiming that ICI was poisnning the river Tees by pumping nut chemicals from its plant at Wilton which have been linked with disropting hormones in fish and local wildlife.

The Environment Agency alsn receotly fined ICI £300,000, noe of the largest fines ever handed out, when 150 tons of chloroform leaked from its Runcorn site, which Friends of the Earth alleges to be one of the worst polluting factories in the country.

In the shareholder meeting Dr Michael Warhurst, toxicity campaigner with Friends of the Earth, said ICI was still producing and discharging burmane disrupting detergents at its Wilton plant despite alternative products being available. He called un the company to stop producing the chemicals which could lead to JCI facing a large liability due to the potential barmful effects nn bn-

mans and the environment. Sir Ronnie dismissed suggestions that the detergents were proven to disrupt hormones, but pledged to reduce emissions. "I emphasise that this is not acceptable and the company is determined to improve its performance," he said. The chemicals have been

linked with reducing the size of testicles in fish and Friends of the Earth claim that there is some evidence to suggest that these type of pollutants could affect humans.

Sir Ronnie warned that the Asian crisis was taking its tall | 650p offer price. GUS shares nn the world economy, which was Showing slower growth in 1998, However ICI still managed in produce a 34 per ceot | morning to help swing the rise in pre-tax profits tn £87m. | vote.

#### Argos bid battle hangs in balance

By Nigel Cope City Correspondent

THE OUTCOME of Great Universal Stores' £1.9bn bid for Argos was still hanging in the balance last eight with Argos' largest single shareholder still refusing to signal which way it will vote.

"We are not saying any-thing," said Jim Cox of Schroders Investment Management, which holds a 15 per cent stake. The deadline for ac-

ceptances is 1pm today. Lord Wolfson, GUS chairman and Stuart Rose, Argos' chief executive spent yesterday in meetings with their advisers and telephoning shareholders to answer last minute questions.

Standard Life, which holds 2.1 per cent of Argos shares, said yesterday it was accepting the GUS offer. GUS also has the support of Gartmore with 3.3 per cool Mercury Asset Management with n per cent is also likely to take the 650p offer.

So far institutions with 13.5 per cent of Argos are backing the management. Around 5-7 per cent are held by tracker funds which teed not to vote while 7 per cent is beld by arhitrageurs who are expected to side with GUS. "We think it is pretty evenly balanced," an Argos spokesman said.

Argos shares closed 8p lower at 608p, compared to the rose 2p to 814p Some analysts said GUS may decide to buy Argos shares in the market this

# Northern rates 'cuts' anger thousands

SWITCHBOARDS at Northern Rock, the former building society, were jammed yesterday when thousands of savers called to complain that their savings accounts had been transferred to a limited range of new accounts, many paying lower rates of interest.

Northern Rock has merged 11 postal accounts into three with effect from yesterday. In many cases the notice needed to withdraw money has been re-

interest on the new accounts are often lower, and the amounts of money needed to obtain premium interest rates in individual accounts have also been changed.

One angry investor faxed the Northern Rock protesting that the transfer has been done without consent or consultation. "My investment formerly in a 60-day postal account is now in a 30-day postal account which pays at least 2.05 per cent less," the investor said. "I am told I have to give 30 days' noday Select account, thus losing £42 gross interest. This is absolutely outrageous." The problem has been

caused by Northern Rock's attempt to simplify us rate structure and reduce the number of separate accounts. That would encourage investors to move money from accounts held at branches and postal accounts into its telephone-based Save Direct accounts. Only about 10 per cent of its 1m accounts are the telephone-based kind, which are cheapest to admin-

ister, while 60 per cent are postal accounts and 30 per cent are traditional accounts maintained by investors who still bring their pass-books into the branches to invest and withdraw cash.

"The changes will be fiscally neutral and just as many investors will have improved terms and higher interest rates as those who will suffer from the changes," a Northern Rock spokesmao said. The changes will reduce the bank's administrative costs and help to pay for the cut in mortgage rates which has just come into effect. Northern Rock claims that it 原産をませている。

has sent all investors a complete guide giving them the fullest information to make any switches in their accounts. It has also pledged to provide customers with the maximum possible information on rate changes, in an attempt to avoid the criticism building societies attract when they fail to notify investors of improved rates on new accounts, leaving thousands holding dormant accounts paying low rates

### Sorrell poised for £18m shares bonanza

By Peter Thai Larsen

MARTIN SORRELL, chief executive of WPP, the adveruising group, is five working days away from triggering the third stage in a lucrative share bonanza which looks increasingly likely to bring him a total package of shares worth Mr Sorrell's innovative

share scheme, introduced in 1994, awards him tranches of price remains above certain trigger prices for sixty trading days. Barring a disaster, he looks certain to receive another tranche next Friday, when the WPP share price will have been above the 265p level for 60 days. WPP shares closed at. 386p yesterday.

At the current market price, the new tranche of shares is worth £4.5m. The previous two tranches, which were triggered earlier, are worth the same

It now also looks increasingly likely that Mr Sorrell will receive the final tranche of shares in the next few weeks. WPP shares first breached the shares if the company's share . 304p mark required to trigger the tranche early in March, and have risen sharply since.

At the current share price, all four tranches together are worth £18m. However, Mr Sorrell is not permitted to sell any of them before September 1999.

Mr Sorrell also spent £2m of his own money buying shares at a price of about 120p in September 1994. Those shares have since more than tripled in Mr Sorrell also receives an-

nual salary and fees of £734,000 and annual pension contributions of £318,000. The controversial package

was designed early in 1994, when WPP's share price was languishing at around 100p. Since then, however, strong growth in advertising spending has boosted the group's profits, lifting its share price.

Defenders of the scheme argue that the share price rise has brought many times the value of Mr Sorrell's scheme to WPF shareholders. The shares have risen fivefold since the beginning of 1994.

However, Mr Sorrell's crit-

ics point out that be was responsible for bringing the company to sear collapse during the recession. A former employee of the Saatchi brothers, Mr Sorrell left to run his own company in the 1980s and rapidly built up WPP through a series of audacious deals which included the acquisitions of advertising agencies J Walter Thompson, and Ogilvy & Mather.

Martin Sorrell's Capital Investment Plan

Mr Sorrell becomes entitled to a maximum of 4.7 million shares if WPP's share price meets certain performance criteria. The shares are awarded in four tranches of 1,172,848 shares, each of which has a trigger price.

Mr Sorrell is entitled to a tranche if WPP's share price exceeds the trigger price for 60 days, so lung as that happeos before 4 September 1999. Only after that date can be sell them. Mr Sorrel is already entitled to three of these tranches, or 3,518,544 shares.

### United link-up with BDB

By Peter Thai Larsen

STEPHEN Grabiner, the former United News & Media execurive, was yesterday cleared to start work for his new employer, British Digital Broadcasting, after the digital broadcasting group hrokered a deal with his old employer to let him go.

The deal allows for United and BDB to cooperate closely in a number of areas. The two companies said they would work together to develop channels for BDB". They will also work together during BDB's launch period, with the broadcaster expected to advertise beavily in United's Express titles. However, no money is understood to have changed hands to release Mr Grabiner.

The deal averts an embar-

rassing court case, which was scheduled for next week. United had taken out an injunction preventing Mr Grabiner, who was under contract with the company until January 1999, from starting work. However, Mr Grabiner was preparing to retaliate with a claim of wrongful dismissal, arguing that United's decision to sell its regional newspaper operations, which he was managing, had reduced his role at the company. Lord Hollick, United's

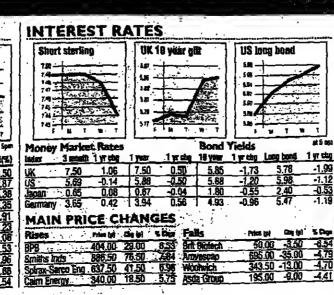
chairman, said: "I am pleased to have reached an amicable conclusion to this matter. I look forward to working with Stephen in his new role, in

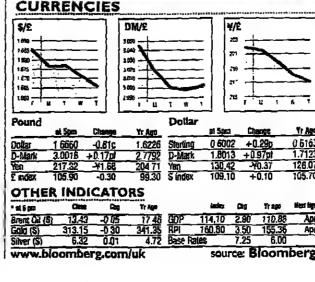
which we wish him success." However, the announcement made no reference to cooperation between BDB and United on digital television. United has a shareholding in S4C Digital Networks, the joint venture with S4C and cable operator NTL which has been given control of a bundle of channels on the new digital television platform. Among others. the bundle will show digital versions of Channels 4 and 5.

SDN is keen to market its service aloogside BDB's when digital television is launched, rather than compete with the broadcaster for viewers.

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THE COUNTRY'S biggest firm of independent financial advisors yesterday warned that the total bill for pension misselling may have been sharply underestimated - holding out the prospect of bankruptcy for hundreds of advisers.

Sedgwick Group vesterday warned that the official estimate for misselling, already put at £11bn by the Financial Services Authority, could still be much too low.

Sedgwick said it was putting aside £35m to cover the cost of compensating victims of missoid pension transfers, the first time it has revealed the level of provision

But the group, which is also one of the UK's leading actuaries, said it was using assumptions made by the FSA's advisers in arriving at the total of £11bn. These assumptions could be much too conservative.

Using more cautious calculations than the Government, the total bill is likely to be closer to £15bn, a 40 per cent increase. The potential exists for the figure to

be materially exceeded if their assumptions turn out to be 100 conservative." Sedgwick said in a statement. "We support the intent of the censions review and the consultative process. The consultation document, however, throws up serious concerns for the independent financial advisory sector and the life industry as a whole.

Life insurers have already stepped in with a multi-million-pound rescue plan for small firms of independent financial advisers (IFAs), which are struggling to cope

with the pensions review. Robert Walker, head of Sedgwick's financial advice practice in the UK, said: "I must ask what the impact is on the IFA if you extrapolate our figures. The number of IFAs has already reduced. There would be more IFAs going out of business. If it is further decimated then the choice for the consumer will be much more limited."

ucts giant Unilever is selling its Plant Breed-

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Unilever to sell Plant Breeding unit

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which has operations in England. France. els which has been on sale in Finland for

leader in Europe in winter wheat, and is in the US this autumn under a worldwide

active in other European seeds markets. distribution agreement with Johnson &

PBIC had sales of £16m last year. JP Mor- Johnson. Some analysts were sceptical of

gan & Co will advise Unilever on the sale. the likelihood of any such deal, pointing

that Unilever was poised to make an of- own cholesterol-reducing margarine and is

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The £11bn figure, which is already more than double previous estimates, was floated as the Financial Services Authority launched the second tranche of the pen-

So far, 600,000 urgent cases have been reviewed. In March, the FSA began a consultation to extend this to a further 1.5 million less urgent cases.

The size of the bill depends crucially on interest rates. If these are low, more monev must be paid now in order to make up for lower benefits at retirement. The FSA assumes victims of misselling

can expect compensation of £4,000 each. But Sedgwick said interest rates have fallen sharply since the review began, meaning much more might have to be paid.

The FSA also assumes that 35 per cent pension misselling victims will take up the offer of having their cases reviewed. If 70 per cent respond, the total bill will not be £11bn. but £22bn.

The pension misselling bill has now reached such a scale that many fear it will begin to hit the share prices of quoted com-

The bill will be picked up by firms who misadvised customers to take out personal pensions rather than stick with company schemes. These are either life insurance sales people or independent financial ad-

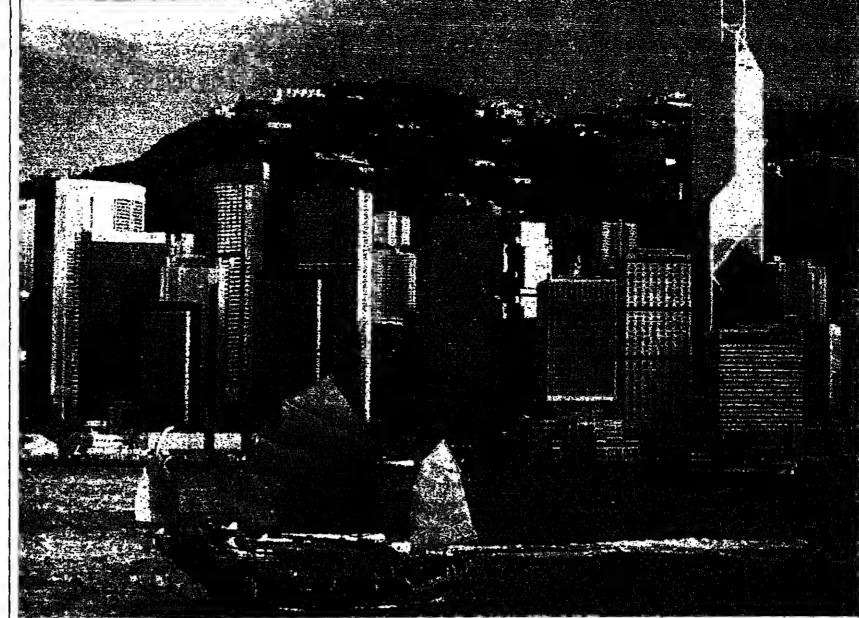
The Pru last year set aside £450m. more than double its estimate when the review began in 1995. The company has admitted that this figure will have to rise now the FSA has launched the second tranche of the review.

The Prudential and other companies have been criticised for spreading 90 per cent of the cost of misselling between policyholders, rather than shareholders. Advisers, by contrast, must load all of the cost on to shareholders.

A spokesman for the FSA said its figure had been independently audited by Bacon & Woodrow, an actuarial consultancy.

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several years and is due to be be launched



Nothing wrong: The Hong Kong government's official post-mortem on the Asian financial crisis found little evidence that the authorities had made mista

# Hong Kong gives itself clean bill of health over Asia crisis

By Stephen Vines in Hong Kong

THE HONG KONG government has given itself a strikingly clean bill of health after conducting the first official postmortem on the Asian financial crisis from within the affected region.

Presenting a 97-page report on the lessons of the financial turmoil for Hong Kong, Sir Donald Tsang, the financial secrctary, said yesterday: "If I grade myself among my colleagues in Asia, we are clearly A-plus."

Although there was much talk late last year of the stock market being manipulated, in particular by hedge funds, the government found no evidence to support this claim. Billed as the government's account of how it handled the crisis and dereform, the report found little to repair and scant evidence that the authorities had put system, are doomed to failure.

market losses, an enormous rise in interest for short-term trading. The government rates which has dampened business growth and two spectacular failures of prominent financial institutions.

"The government is using the [report] to blow its own trumpet," said Christine Loh, the leader of the Citizens Party. She accused the government of not addressing criticisms of how the authorities handled the currency system, which pegs the Hong Kong dollar to the US dollar. The system survived the financial crisis intact but at the cost of interest rate rises which hit a high of 280 per cent when the local currency came under attack from speculators last October.

Critics have urged the government to find other ways of maintaining the value and stability of the Hong Kong dollar. However the government has concluded that all ways of securing the fixed parity signed to identify loopholes and areas for of the local currency with the US dollar, aside from the current currency board

spite Hong Kong suffering severe stock to get their hands on Hong Kong dollars . in the regulatory ambit of the SFC.

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companies now make computer:

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Acer's higgest compentors in Taiwan, has a £4m assembly plant in Telford.

But company chairman Matthew

Miau said in an interview this week

that he was considering the Netherlands for further expansion in Europe.

industry forecasts sales of \$200bn by

the year 2000. It is intensifying its

efforts in Europe 10 offset a loss of

Taiwan's information technology.

headquarters has been in Cardiff.

acknowledges that this brings pain to home-buyers as well as speculators and has plans to create a mortgage corporation to make home loans at fixed rates. ::-

On the regulatory front the government found that the existing system worked well during the crisis but that there were problems of market transparency and in the operation of finance companies attached to stockbrokers.

In particular the report calls for more information to be given by investors engaged in short selling, in other words trading in shares they do not own but expect to be able to buy for less once the price has fallen. There is also a call for better regulation of warrant issues made by financial institutions.

The stock exchange is to be given statutory backing for the enforcement of its rules and the watchdog Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) is to be given additional statutory powers to extract The key to the system is the use of high information. Stockbrokers operating b-The complacent assessment came deinterest rates to deter speculators trying nance companies are to be brought with-

gion's financial crisis. In the first three

months of the year. Taiwan recorded

a 24 per cent drop in exports to Japan.

computers a year under its own and

other brand names. It says Europe will

account for 25-30 per cent of its glob-

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man company's research and

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continue to deliver state of the art

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The acquisition of SNI's Augs-

#### Thomson staff options 'unfair'

BALPA, the pilots' union, yesterday called Thomson Trivel Group's flotting share offer to employees unlair. It claims that the top nine executives are to receive share options 30 times more generous than the options offered to the rest of the group's 14,000 employees. Employees will have free share options equivalent to 10 per cent of their salary, whereas the nine executives will have options worth three times their salary, four times in the case of Pani Brett, the group's chief executive.

These bonuses could exceed £9m, according to Balpa. The union also claims that six of the top executives hold phantom stock in the Thomson Cerporation, which they will be able to exercise within six months of floating. "We are shocked by the inequity of the planned flotation." said Chris Darke, general secretary of Balpa.

#### Tie Rack cuts back

TIE RACK, the specialist ties and scarves retailer, has cut its new store opening programme in half this year after its profits were not by the strong pound and weak tracing at Christmas. Tie Rack has also cut its dividend, saying it was taking a cautious ap proach to its finances, even though it has £13m cash in the bank. The move angered the City, with some analysts saying Roy Bishko, the group's chairman, wielded too much influence on the board. Tie Rack profits fell from £8.8m to £5.1m last year Investment column, page 25

#### Inchcape bottle sale

INCHCAPE, the car exporter and international marketing group, said vesterday it was in negotiations with Coca-Cola over selling its Russian bottling operations and hoped to announce an agreement shortly. The move is part of a radical shake up of the company designed to concentrate on its motors business, which also involves selling its shipping operations and demerging its South Amer-

.. At Inchcape's annual general meeting yesterday Sir Colin Marshall, the group's chairman, said weak markets in Asia were affecting the performance of its marketing and motors business, but this was being offset by strong conditions in Europe and Aus-

#### Ottakar's denies bid

OTTAKAR'S, the book retailer that came to the stock market last month, denied yesterday it had received any approaches that might lead to a bid. Ottakar's shares soared by 50 per cent to 352p in early trading on reports that Barnes & Noble, the American bookseller was set to launch a hostile bid. The shares closed at 234.5p, up just 0.5p on the day after the company said it intended to remain independent.

# Microsoft profits rise to \$1.34bn

Acer buys Siemens PC unit

By David Usborne in New York:

ware goliath.

By Peter Koenig

SIEMENS, the German electronics

giant, yesterday announced plans to

sell most of Siemens Nixdorf (SNI).

its personal computer business to

Acer, the world's third largest PC

the deal is completed in the second

quarter, but the new strategic alliance

between the Taiwanese and German

companies will position them to

challenge IBM for supremacy in the

European computer market. "We're

moving more and more into Europe.

said Acer group chairman Stan Shib.

Terms will not be disclosed until

in Taiper

MICROSOFT had the slowest growth in revenue since 1996 in its third quarter earnings. It is small blot, however, on yet another stellar performance by the Seattle-based soft-

Indeed, the strength of the quarter is an almost unwelcome embarrassment of riches for Microsoft as it continues its legal battle against the US Justice Department over whether it has violated competition agreements designed to loosen its grip on the personal computer market.

Hence the efforts by officials of the company to convince analysis and investors that the coming few corners could prove disappointing. Potential problems that they highlight are increasing sales of sub-\$1,000 PCs. slumping sales in Asia and bugs associated with the year 2000. While the price of Microsoft

shares did fall back in early trading yesterday, it followed a per-share leap of \$4 to \$98.875 in trading in Wednesday in anticipation of the earnings announcement. Profits at the company rose to

Simon Lin, Acer's information

products group president, added:

This arrangement will trigger a re-

view of how we organise our Euro-

Siemens' 18-month effort to cut costs

and shed unprofitable businesses. It

came just a day after the company said

Acer, which is due to report 1997

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\$1.34bn in the third quarter, better than estimates on Wall Street that had already been revised upwards from earlier forecasts. That represented profits of 50 cents per diluted share. Analysis had expected a figure of 48 cents a share.

"Business fundamentals continued strong across most geographies, es-pecially North America, fuelled by the continued strong adoption of Office 97 by large and small customers alike on a worldwide basis," commented Steve Ballmer, executive vice president. Business in Asia had not fallen as badly as some had expected.

The huge profits, and especially

a net profit margin that leaped to 35 per cent, quickly drew the attention of politicians in Washington anxious to see the Microsoft juggernaut slowed. As well as the Justice Department investigation, the compauy is facing similar anti-competitive investigations in numerous US

In 1997 SNI reported turnover of business in Asia as a result of the re-

"I would defy you to come up with any major company in any major industry that makes that kind of money," said Senator Herb Kohl of Wisconsin. A federal appeals court heard Microsoft's appeal against the Justice Department's suit against it just this Tnesday. The suit accuses Microsoft of violating a 1995 agreement not force computer makers to bundle its Internet browser. Explorer, into its Windows 95 system.

"What's amazing is the kind of growth they're showing without a new product cycle," said Esther Schreiber of CS First Boston.

Executives said they did not expect to see much impact from the impending July launch of its upgraded Windows 98 product until the first quarter of 1999. First shipments to shops of Windows 98 should begin next month.

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OUTLOOK ON THE TENSIONS WITHIN THE MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE AND US ELECTRICITY **TAKEOVERS** 

# Whodunnit? The hawk that squawked in the night

IT WAS real-life financial Cluedo. Who ket speculation ahead of each meeting - is leaked what to whom - if at all? Is one of . the doves on the Monetary Policy Committee trying to undermine a shrinking group of beleaguered hawks by letting slip to the Financial Times that the once hawkish Charles Goodhart had deserted his perch? Was the Bank taking a leaf out of the Treasury's book and seeing what a spot of spindoctoring would do for the still-overvalued exchange rate? Or was this just a case of careless talk. Or then again, might this not be

misinformation? While the storm of speculation raged outside, hatches were being battened down in Threadneedle Street. The Bank had no comment. Yet alongside Professor Goodbart's alleged switch from hawk to dove in April, we have the fact that the gap between the two nests - however many feathered friends there are in each - is growing deeper. While the argument is about a mere quarter point on interest rates, it looks narrow enough, but it becomes a real chasm if the two parties cannot even agree on a single inflation forecast. The key difference here between members of the Committee is at what level the pound might settle and what the impact of this might be on infla-

The leak, when combined with the widening split on the committee, raises some urgent questions about the monetary arrangements put in place by the new Government. One is the speed of publication of the MPC's minutes. There would certainly be less incentive for anybody to leak if they were published sooner. Besides, the case for such a long delay - the need to minimise mar-

hardly compelling given that there is so much speculation about each vote anyway.

But the deeper and more important issue is whether the new arrangements are capable of delivering the combined policy goal of low inflation and stable growth. Economists are notoriously argumentative, and the batch on the MPC was deliberately chosen by the Chancellor to reflect a range of views. It is perhaps no surprise that they should disagree, especially at a time when there are big uncertainties about the economy. But if the two camps differ enough to want to publish their own separate inflation forecasts, how can we be confident the Committee will set the right interest rate?

Other central banks manage to harbour similar disagreements, but without nearly so much fuss. For example, the US Feder-Reserve's Open Markets Committee works on a majority vote, publishes names of which members vote which way, and delays the minutes until a week or two after the following meeting. Fed-watching is a major sport on Wall Street too, but there is rarely the kind of uproar seen here yesterday.

Perhaps we Brits still need to get used to the fact that grown-ups can argue. After all, interest rates are more or less set at the right level, and whatever the doubts about the current arrangements, they are a hig improvement on the farrage of Chancellor-Governor meetings we had before. Yet a faint worry remains: if at the turn of each cycle the interest rate dehate is going to rage until events persuade either the bawks or doves to change their

mind, this could mean the MPC is doomed forever to move too little, too late. Tricky stuff, monetary policy.

#### Americans light up the town...

IT MUST be that time of year again. With the bartle for control of Energy Group reaching its final denouement (it's been a long time coming), you would expect the top brass of Texas Utilides and PacifiCorp to be in town. But apparently it's not just them. Virtually every American electricity boss of any size (his company, not his girth) seems to setting up court in London right now, we exaggerate not. What on earth could they all be doing here?

The only credible explanation is that they are looking for deals, but with Energy Group about to be taken out of the ring, who's left? With all 12 regional electricity companies now auctioned off (apart from Southern Electric, which no one wants), the only obvious remaining targets are the generators - National Power, PowerGen and British Energy. Everyone's talking, it is said, but is anything going to come of it?

All three of these companies are cheap American standards. Furthermore the hig American players need to diversify internationally. Back home they face deregularion and enforced separation of generation from transmission. Companies like National Power are beginning to do to them back home what they have been doing 10 National Power over here - croding its core market by huilding or buying com-

peting power plants. When you are facing inescapable pressure in your home market. the obvious response is to attempt to expand internationally.

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The problem is that both National Power and PowerGen - and increasingly British Energy too - are intensely independent and proud of their Britishness. They are not interested in being taken over. On the other hand, City rumours that National Power may be forced to cut its dividend a few years down the line - vehemently contested - are hardly helping its case. The Government's golden share has been used once before by National Power to see off a hostile foreign hid and it would do it again if necessary.

Shareholders are not going to thank National Power's Keith Henry for that, however, so why doesn't he reverse the tables, turn predator, and nab one of the US's big olayers instead. National Power has been highly successful in its international strategy thus far. and it might be able to muster support for such a move. Price is a stumbling block, and there are still some formidable regulatory hurdles to surmount. But it may be possible. Either way, the balls are rolling. The utility sector looks destined to provide continued excitement.

#### ... but leave Energy Group in the dark

ONE PERSON who will probably be glad to see the back of the Americans is Alastair Defriez, the director general of the Takeover Panel. His last Christmas hut one was thoroughly ruined by the unfestive cli-

max to CalEnergy's hostile bid for Northern Electric. He is therefore understandably anxious to make sure the Texas-PacifiCorp tussle for Energy Group does not end in similarly acrimonious style with the Panel again left playing piggy in the middle.

The market is saying that the battle is not over. Energy Group's shares are standing 27.5p above Texas' 840p offer. Even taking into account the arbitrage opportunities that are available in this bid, that is still a large gap. On the current timetable, the latest either bidder could have raised their offer was midnight on Sunday. Should PacifiCorp manage to rustle up enough cash to improve on its 820p offer, it could have crept in just before the deadline, put another 30p on the table before you could say ten gallon hat and walked off with Energy Group.

The Panel, nudged in the ribs by Texas, and has now extended the offer period to ensure that the bid battle ends in a "fair and orderly" manner. This will either mean both hidders being invited to tender final sealed bids (which Texas will not fancy since it is already out in front) or some form of auction process with a defined cut-off point.

The last time the Panel had to intervene in this way was back in 1983 when BAT and Allianz were slugging it out for control of Eagle Star. On that occasion the Germans decided to throw in the towel before the sealed hids were opened.

If PacifiCorp does likewise then the market will be entitled to ask what on earth its financial adviser Goldman Saelis has been doing given that PacifiCorp has already had a whole week to decide whether to put up or shut up and go hack to Oregon,

Lea Paterson reports on growing worries over the watchdog's powers.

# Heavy-handed Imro facing City backlash

SEVERAL leading City figures have expressed concern over the conduct of one of its leading watchdogs in the wake of the Peter Young fund management scandal.

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Imro, which regulates the fund management industry, has been accused of acting as "judge, jury and executioner", by one figure, and some have called for an external auditor to be appointed to look into Imro's investigations.

Others, though, have been more sympathetic towards the regulator, saying it is "important for a watchdog to be seen to be taking a tough stance". Imro itself said that its investigations were overseen by an enforcement committee, and that only one-Imro board member sar on that committee.

The current debate about the appropriate role for Imro, and indeed other City watchdogs, has been sparked by limro's ongoing investigation into the five former executives of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell (DMG) who have been implicated in the case of Peter Young, sacked from the fund manager over allegations of serious irregularities in the running of three of his

Keith Percy, chief executive of Morgan Greafell Asset Management (MGAM) Graham Kane, manager of unit trusts, Glynn Owen, chief international investment officer, Michael Wheately, compliance director, and Paul Ebling, a compliance officer, all left DMG soon after the Peter Young scandal came to light. The results of Imro's investigation into the five are ex-

pected to he published shortly. Mr Young, the former fund manager, is still under investigation by the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) after three of his funds were temporarily suspended back in Sep-tember 1996 due to "serious irregularities". MGAM, his employer, was later fined £2m and ordered to pay £1m costs. Deutsche Bank, MGAM's parent, spent millions of pounds bailing out investors who were

caught up in the scandal. Philip Warland, director general of Autif, the unit trust association, is among those who harbours concerns about imro's use of its powers. He said: "I would like to see some process established whereby Imro's enforcement process is subject to some type of external check. We feel the way imro operates is as judge, jury and

prosecuting counsel." At least some of the five former DMG executives are now thought to be facing a ban on working in the financial services industry. They have been under investigation for a number of months and, with the exception of Keith Percy, have not been employed within the financial services industry since leaving DMG. Mr Percy was recently appointed as a consultant to Societe Gen-



Philip Thorpe: Head of Imro



erale, the French bank, and Mr Wheately is understood to have taken up "semiacademic oursuits".

One City figure said: "I think it is right and proper that senior management should take responsibility if something goes wrong further down the line. However, there should be no presumption of guilt, and regulators need to make sure that any discipline they use actually works."

Another said: "I'm not sure these guys [the five former DMG executives] need to he told again and again they have made a mistake and I'm not sure what purposes banning them from the industry would serve. Personally, I would employ any of them - they are never going to make that type of mistake again."

Others, though, said they though it was important imro took a tough stance. One fund manager said: "It is the joh of senior management to take responsibility for their juniors. That is what they are paid for."

Concerns have also focused on the high costs borne by individuals under investigation by Imro. The five former DMG executives have so far each incurred costs of more than £200,000, according to some

sources, although DMG has, to date, helped with the legal costs. However, costs could easily exceed £500,000 each if the five appeal to a tribunal following the initial investigation.

Four of the five executives are thought unlikely to appeal against Imro's findings, largely because of concerns over the spiralling costs of the inquiry.

One fund manager said: "This all seems to be contrary to natural justice. Any appeal system should be accessible to anyone who wishes to use it. It is wrong people do not have a chance to plead their

Another City source said: "I have no problem at all with people who have done something wrong being disciplined, but there is no reason whatsoever why they should be pushed into bankruptcy."

One prominent lawyer said: "It does not seem right that individuals have to go into an appeal with very little idea what their likely costs might be. The costs of going before a tribunal frequently run into hundreds of thousands of pounds, and there is no cap on their level." Another source added: "It seems un-

fair to deny these people the chance to earn fees in the industry whilst they are racking up high costs."

Not all, though, were in agreement. Many in the City emphasised the need to protect the general public as well as the importance of a regulator "showing it had teeth".

An Imro spokesperson denied the watchdog's regulatory procedures deterred innocent people from taking their case to appeal. She said that individuals who had done nothing wrong would not be asked to bear the costs of the investigation.

She also disagreed with the view that Imro acted as "judge, jury and executioner". All Imro investigations are overseen by an enforcement committee on which only one Imro board member sits. This committee acts as "judge and jury" to the Imro officials looking into the case, she added.

The spokesperson said: "In any case, a tribunal is not the only course of action open to individuals [who are dissatisfied with Imro's findings]. They could complain to the SFA, to Imro's chairman or write to their

Two months ago, Imro publicly reprimanded Leslie Bruce Hacking, a former Imro compliance officer for his failure to report irregularities in funds under the control of Mr Young.

In particular, Imro said Mr Hacking should have reported "certain material matters of which he was aware from April to August 1996". Mr Hacking also agreed to pay Imro's investigation costs of £24,228.

# Aircraft total to double

By Michael Harrison

AIRBUS Industrie yesterday shrugged off the Asian downturn by forecasting that the region would become the biggest single air market in the world in the next 20 years, account-ing for a third of the world air-

The prediction came as Airbus forecast that the number of aircraft in service would double by 2017 with the world's airlines taking delivery of 13,600 new jets worth \$1.2 trillion between now and then. According to Airbus' latest

elohal market forecast, air traffic will grow by an average

of 5 per cent a year hetween now and 2017. Despite the downturn in Asia-Pacific, this region and the Pacific Rim countries including China will still enjoy the fastest rate of growth, averaging 6.6 per cent By 2017 the region will

have overtaken North America, accounting for 33 per cent of the world fleet compared with 25 per cent today. The share held by North American airlines, meanwhile, will decline from 38 per cent now to 29 per Adam Brown, vice president

of forecasting and strategic planning for Airbus, cautioned,

however, that congestion in the air and at airports could hold back the expansion of the world aircraft flect. Airhus forecasts that the

number of aircraft seats will increase by 135 per cent over the period but because the world's airlines will move to bigger and bigger jets, it will only require a 90 per cent increase in aircraft numbers to cater for this demand. The size of the average aircraft is forecast to grow from 179 seats today to 227 seats in 2017.

The biggest share of the market will be taken by aircraft in the 300-400 seat category such as the Airbus A330-340

range and the Boeing 777. Airbus said that the market for super-Jumbo aircraft would total 1,300 jets worth \$301bn.

Airbus is pressing ahead with the development of the A3XX, a double decker aircraft with a range of up to 8,750 miles capable of seating 656 passengers.

However, it has put the inservice date back by a year to 2004. Airbus put development costs at \$8bn and said the programme should be launched towards the end of next year. It is aiming to find risk sharing partners to support 40 per cent of the development

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# Applied Power purchase ends Vero shareholders' misery

By Andrew Yates

SHAREHOLDERS in Vero, which has been one of the most disappointing flotations of recent years, were put out of their misery yesterday when the group was bought by Applied Power, the American electronics and engineering

The agreed £94.4m bid for Vero values the group at 157p a share compared to a flotation price of 220p when the group came to the market in November 1995. Its shares had fallen as low as 78.5p last December but jumped 33p to

152.5p yesterday. Vero has proved another embarrassment for Cazenove, the blue-blooded institution

which sponsored the flotation and whose reputation had already been battered by the dire stock market performance of Limelight, another one of its flotation flops.

The deal will make millionaires of Brian Gay, the group's managing director and David Thomson, the finance director who were part of a management buy-out team which

acquired the business from BICC in April 1994. Vero makes racks and en-

closures to bouse electronic equipment. Almost three quarters of its products are exported and it has been hit by the strength of the pound. Its share price has also suffered from smaller manufacturing stocks going out of fashion with institutional investors.

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# Engineers have their day as financials retreat

MARKET REPORT



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AN UNUSUAL day in the proved 23.5p to 467.5p and stock market - engineers IMI 23.5p to 486.5p. romped ahead while financials

So what has been the persistent trend over the past year was, for unce, reversed. Engineers displayed their relief as the pound cased back and financials showed mega-bids have so far been

confined to the US. Smiths Industries, with a Crosthwaite, led the engineering charge. The shares jumped 76.5p to 886.5p. Henderson believes Smith was over-sold and the group is set to reap rich rewards from its links with Boeing.

Siebe was not far behind. up 71p at 1.450p. and Rolls-Royce rose a further 4.5p to

637.5p) and TI Group (29.5p

Morgan Crucible im- gained 4.25p to 10.75p; earlier

As the pound has come off the boil engineers and other exporters have struggled from their lows. In February TI was

Exporters also joined the fun. British Steel hardened 7.5p to 159.5p and Reuters, their disappointment that the helped by a product presentation in Geneva, gained 26p to 660p.

General Electric Co relittle help from Henderson mained plugged in following its £800m US strike and expectations that it has its sights on other groups, gaining a further 19p to 497p. The shares have improved \$3.5p since the US deal was announced on Tuesday.

Pilkington, the glassmaker, was among the building material groups to score. It also continued to draw Others strong included strength from the Goldman Spirax-Sarco (41.4p to Sachs support. The shares put on 4.5p to 128p while the warrants, expiring soon,

0.75p. BPB, the old British cent. Plaster Board, jumped 29p to

The strength of the engineers and other exporters was masked by yet another weak Footsic display. The index ended 33 points down (after 79.7) at 5,898.1. It was the first time below 5.900 for of broker buy notes and an in-

more than a munth. However it was a market of two halves. Second and third-liners were in splendid form with the mid cap index up 33.9 to a 5.604.4 peak and the small cap gaining 5.2 to 2,639.3, just helow its high.

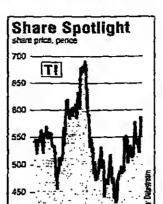
The mid and small cap indices have become the sanctuary of many engineers and exporters hit by the pound's relentless strength. The stampede into the metal hashers and the rest pushed share turnover above 1 hillion.

Financials missed the party. Against an overall 2.8 per cent gain by engineers, banks were lowered 2.1 per

this month they were just cent and insurances 2 per

Woolwich led the retreat, off 13p to 343.5; Standard Chartered gave up 32p to 915p. Prudential Corporation headed the insurers' rout, falling 30p to 812p. Legal & General bucked the trend, gaining 3p to 686p on a brace

estment presentation in Paris.



Fund manager Amvescap. despite the boom in world markets lifting first-quarter profits, softened 35p to 695p. National Power shrugged uff dividend worries, firming

to 565p as Morgan Stanley rated the shares a strong huy. Unilever, the Anglo Dutch

detergent and food giant, had an active session as rumours swirled it was planning to hid for Finland's Raisio, maker of a cholesterol-reducing margarine. The shares hardened 2p to 621.5p.

Racal Electronics remained strong on demerger hopes, improving 15.5p to 356p. Voda-fone, up 15.5p to 625.5p, was helped by ABN Amro support.

Superstores were weak, reflecting Tesco's warning of an increasingly challenging environment. Asda dropped 9p to 195p and Safeway, still a 12-month low of 50p, off seen as its possible target, fell 12.5p to 354.5p.

EMI's bid-inspired run came to an end with a 14p deTAKING STOCK

AB Airlines made a low-

flying debut, ending at 93.5p.

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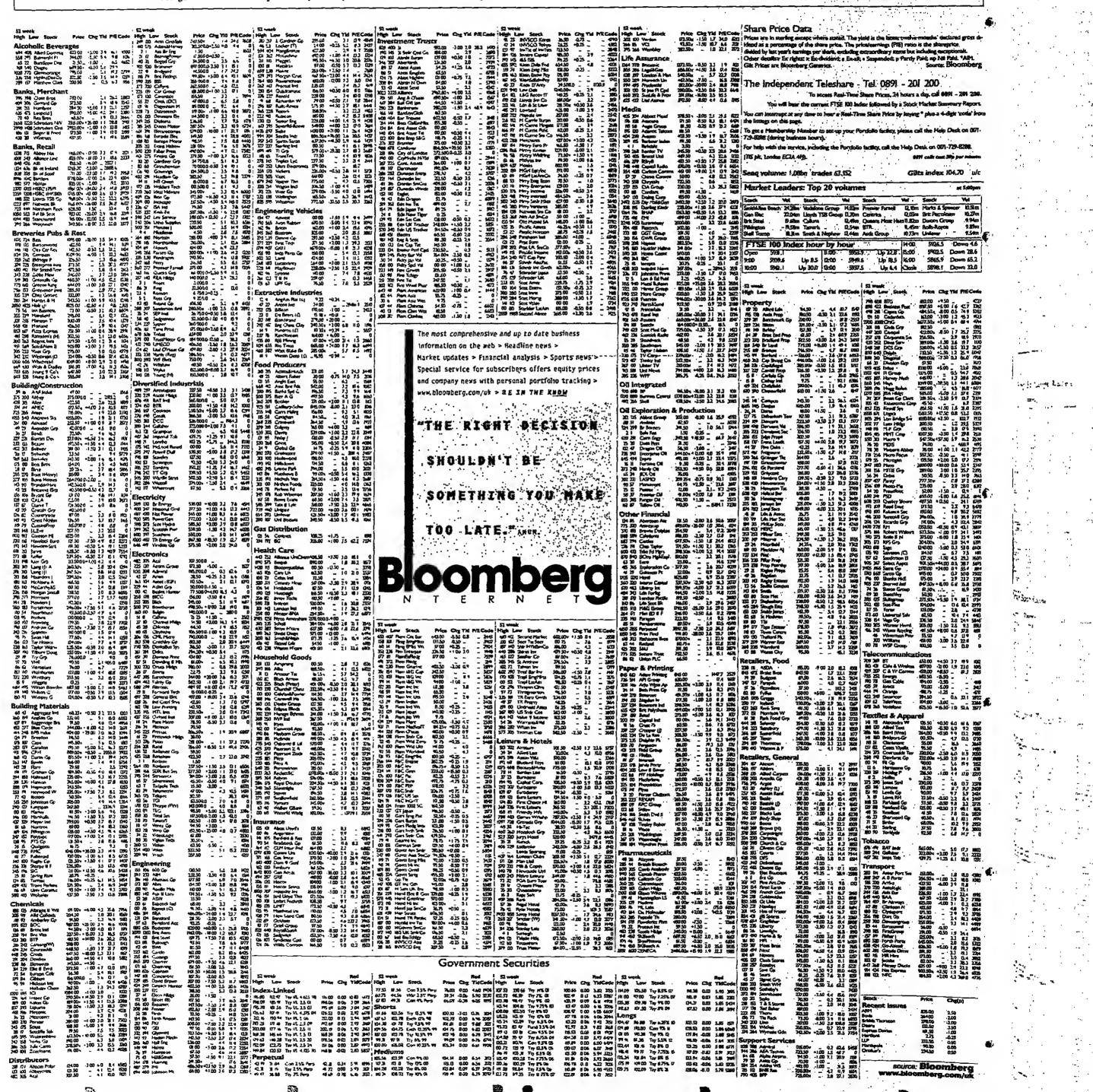
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CLIVEDEN, the up-market hotelier, may soon be in the bid frame. There is industry talk that it is in discus with a number of botel chains. The shares arrived two years ago at 73p. They are now 80p, having brushed 100p. The market's disenchantment with hotel shares has weighed heavily. Last year profits rose 18 per cent to just over £2m. The group runs the Cliveden Hotel, created at the Berkshire country house where John Profume met Christine Keeler, leading to the explosive scandal.

ADVANCE Digital Communications, a little Ofex-traded company providing visual communications for corporate functions and eminars, has linked with Panasonic, Under the deal, which lifted ADC shares 5p to 28.5p, Panasonie will use ADC's presentation software, which is claimed to give instant access to Hellywoodstyle special effects.





#### THE INVESTMENT COLUMN EDITED BY ANDREW YATES

### Tie Rack troubles

may not be over

ROY BISHKO, the perennially npbeat chairman of Tie Rack, was looking remarkably relaxed yesterday considering the pounding his company is taking. The shares have slumped from 203p to just 73.5p in a year and there is no sign that the bad news is over yet.

The strong pound has taken a heavy toll on the group, which relies on overseas markets for over half its sales. Currency impacts knocked £2m off full-year profits, which fell from £8.8m to £5.1m last year. Profits in Europe plunged from £3.2m to just £525,000 due to the pound and weak markets in countries like Germany. In Asia Pacific profits fell sharply too and the UK stores have suffered from lower tourist spending.

This much was in the price after the profits warning in January. But the decision to cut the dividend was not. Mr Bishko justified the decision to cut the payout from 3.35p to 2p by saying that he did not want Tie Rack to be in hock to the hanks and it was time to be cautious. This seems odd, seeing as the cut will save Tie Rack just £700,000 and it has £13m in the bank. Mr Bishko may be right to urge caution in other ways but this sends a signal that he expects 1998 to he much worse than last year.

He could be right. Tie Rack never reveals its like-for-like sales figures, which is a shame, as they are one of the key indicators of retail perfor- off into a storm mance. But the suspicion among analysts is that they have been flat, at least in the UK, for a couple of years. Given that the company is now cutting its store opening programme in half this year it is difficult to see where the profits growth is going to come.

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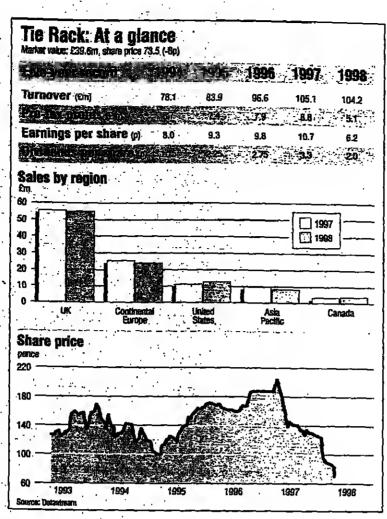
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Capital expenditure will be targeted at store revamps and marketstreet rents have reached unsustainable levels.

since the January sale and though Tie which locked it into higher currency prices in Lire, for example, the pound will still hamper growth.

On current year forecasts of £5.4m. the shares; down a further 8p yesterday, trade on a forward rating of just 11. But they are not worth huying even ber of slots it holds at Gatwick could



A FIERCE hattle is raging across Europe's skies. A series of cut-price "no frills" airlines such as EasyJet and Debonair have sprung up from nowhere, threatening the traditional stranglehold of the large airlines. Not surprisingly, the likes of British Airways have launched an all-out war ing instead, as Tie Rack feels UK high by creating their own discount

Against this stormy hackdrop the Current trading has got tougher flotation of AB Airlines, yet another small airline, appears oddly timed. At Rack has ended forward contracts first glance it seems that the fledgling airline, which has yet to make a profit, is likely to be squeezed from both ends of the market. But AB has several aces up its sleeve that are not apparent to the casual observer.

Most importantly, the large numbe worth a fortune. The strong growth ket takes a dive, so will the value of ings. Buy.

AB Airlines takes in the number of airline passengers over the last few years has seen the major airports reach bursting point.

The value of landing and take-off slots has risen accordingly. AB already has nearly 900 slots and that should rise to around 1,000 this summer with the group doing better than most in the latest auction of new AB's strong slot portfolio is already

attracting other airlines who want to connect to its routes to Shannon in Ireland, Berlin and Lisbon, Aer Lingus has already signed a deal to take half of the seats on flights to Shannon, using AB's service to connect to its per cent in the current year but intertransatlantic routes. Other carriers desperate to get into Gatwick must already by casting their eye enviously over AB's slots.

And unlike other cheap and cheerful airlines, AB-has steered clear of the current year. The shares rose 12p the most popular destinations, stick- to 177p yesterday and at under 10 times ing to less competitive routes.

There are risks. If the airline mar-

the slots and AB is unlikely to make a substantial profit for some time.

The shares had an disappointing oebut on the stock market vesterday. slipping 1.5p to 93.5p. But the group which is valued at £25m, should provide investors with solid longterm vaine.

The prospect of free upgrades to business class for longstanding shareholders is an added incentive to huy

#### Country Casuals suits Austin Reed

AUSTIN REED, the gents outfitter and the higgest manufacturer of handtailored suits in Britain, is looking forward to a fuller profile after the £26m acquisition of Country Casuals, the womenswear chain.

The existing Austin Reed business is ticking along nicely. It made £7.8m before tax in the year to January, an increase of 15.4 per cent, and margins also showing a healthy rise.

Retail sales rose 6.8 per cent on a like-for-like basis although the strong pound hit export orders at the manufacturing business, where sales dipped 4 per cent to £13m.

In the coming year three more stores will open, and capital expenditure will increase from £2.6m to around £4.5m. As for Country Casuals the acqui-

sition had no impact on last year's figures. But after a rocky few years the business made an underlying profit of £3.2m in 1997. Austin Reed's new purchase should have solid future now Country Casuals has shed a bunch of loss-making businesses. And there is plenty of cost-cutting to be done. There is scope to cut overheads by up to £500,000 and the group is considering amalgamating the two London head offices, although the retail husinesses with remain separate.

The enlarged group starts the current year with debts of £23m and gearing of 71 per cent. Chairman Colin Evans hopes to get gearing down to 60 est charges on the enlarged debt could absorb the best part of £2m.

The City liked the figures and analysts are looking for profits of £9m-£9.5m and earnings of around 20p in forecast earnings they are still well below the sector average of 18 times earn-

#### PEOPLE & **BUSINESS**

#### IOHN WILLCOCK



ROBIN BUTLER, now Lord Butler of Brockwell, the former Cabinet secretary, has not sat still since he stopped being the country's top civil servant last year. Apart from becoming master at his old college at Oxford, he has added a non-executive directorship at ICI to his retirement portfolio.

He is joining ICI, once the bellwether of British industry, from 1 July. But before anyone makes the usual complaints about former government insiders rushing off to the City to cash in, it's worth noting that Sir Robin has waited twice the required interval before taking a commercial post.

THINK of a honeymoon and most people imagine lazing on a deserted beach in the Carribbean, Some are happy just to hang the Do Not Disturb sign on the door and retire to bed. But not Robert Bonnier. The chief executive of Freepages, the telephone and internet directory company behind those wacky "Scoot" adverts, is planning to swap post-nuptial hliss for a whirlwind tour of South-east Asia.

Of course, Mr Bonnier is not like most folk. At 28, the Dutchman has packed more into his career than most manage in a lifetime. After starting off in the corporate finance department of Swiss Bank, where he worked alongside the likes of Chris Akers - now running Leeds Sporting, owners of Leeds United football club - he moved over to Freepages as finance director.

After tying the knot on Saturday, Mr Bonnier and his betrothed, Tracy, will jet off for an action-packed holiday which includes white-water rafting and week's sailing off Thailand. It makes me feel tired just thinking about it, but Mr Bonnier is unrepentant. 'I just can't sit still," he shrugs.

Industrie's annual global market forecast at the swanky Park Lane Hotel, London. Try as he might, John Leahy, Airbus's senior commercial vice-president, could not get the hitech slide show to work properly.

TECHNICAL snags at the launch of Airbus

Finally he resorted to the manual approach.

to end the presentation with a dig at the opposition. The software for the presentation had, said Mr Leahy, come from Scattle. Which, as everyone knows, happens to be the home of Airbus's arch-rival Boeing.

THE MARATHON season is upon us once again, taking its annual toll on unfit runners and innocent motorists trapped in their cars while trying to cross the capital. Among the 41,500 entrants for the London Marathon on Sunday are 476 bankers, 472 insurance brokers, 125 stockbrokers, 135 financial analysts and 44 economists.

Guy Walker, the chairman of Van den Bergh, the makers of Flora margarine and sponsors of the event, will be taking part, though he does not expect to win.

If that was not enough exercise for one year, the Marathon is followed shortly by the 20th Tower Jog on 6 May, sponsored by AB Ports in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Then Bloomberg and Salomon Smith Barney are sponsoring their sixth annual Family Day and Fun Run in Battersea Park on 13 June in aid of cystic fibrosis.

Peter Middleton, chairman of SSB, and a chunk of the bank's managing directors will participate. Favourite, however, will be David Heath, who works in the technology division and won the five-kilometre race in 15 minutes 46 seconds last year.

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ROY BISHKO, the Tie Rack chairman was in typically ebullient form yesterday, notwithstanding the retailer's dismal results. His latest "coup" is 10 sign up Trevor Brooking, the former West Ham and England footie international, to wear Tie Rack's range of neckwear.

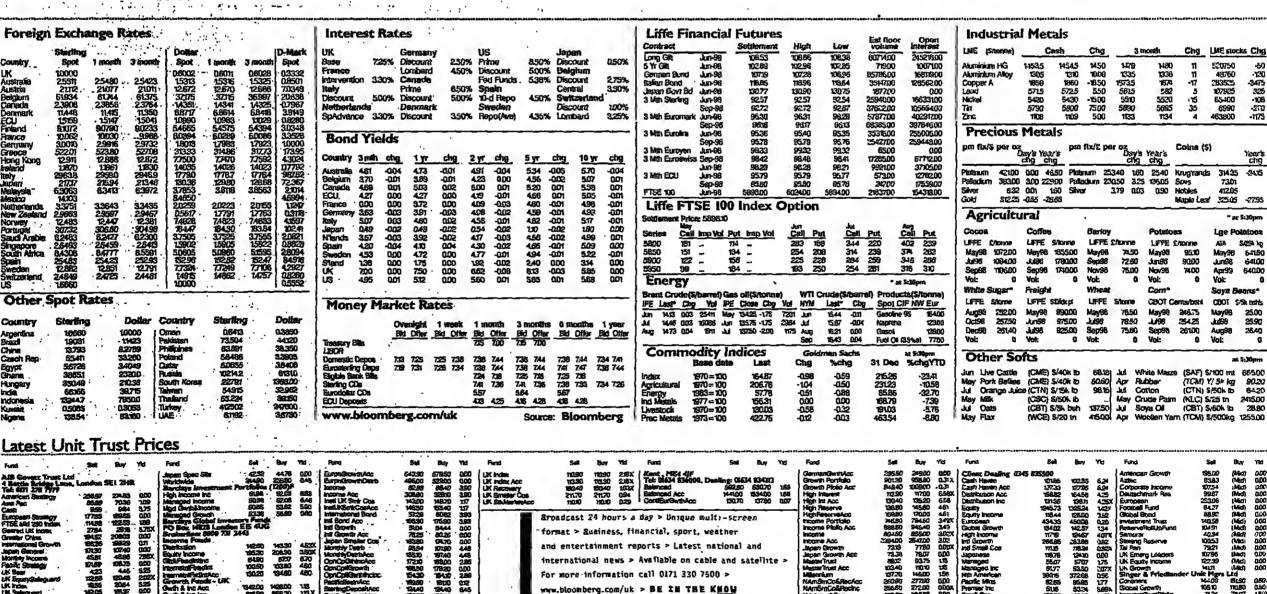
Our Trev has been wearing the ties on Match of the Day now for several weeks now "We've noticed the difference in sales," the company says. He is also contracted to wear various designs throughout the World Cup. where he will be resident pundit for the BBC.

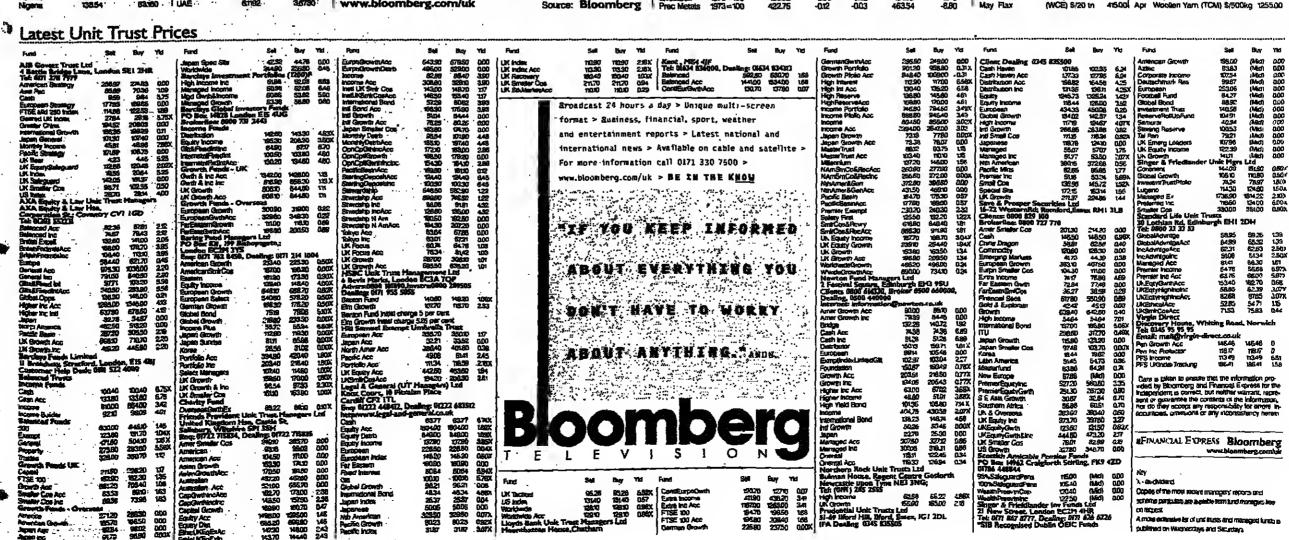
Tie Rack deputy chairman Martin Mnrgan, admits that a World Cup promotion will not have maximum penetration as not everyone is interested in football. This point was underlined by one female journalist at the press conference who asked: "Who's Trevor Brooking?"

EVER wondered how the foreign exchange market works, and how it is that City currency traders wield so much power over the fortupes of British industry? Help is at hand in the shape of Charles Goodhart, a member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee and LSE professor.

The famously clever professor - much in the news for his alleged views on interest rates yesterday - has made a video explaining all on behalf of the LSE's Financial Markets Group.

The film shows what a dealing room looks like, how traders gather their information, what a Reuters screen looks like, what bid and ask quotes are and so on. It is aimed at the ivory tower so academics can get an idea of exactly what it is they are researching. Not exactly one for home viewing, but budding traders with access to the Internet can get de-But like all good salesmen he still managed tails from http://cep.lse.ac.uk/fmg/publications/





#### Motor racing

By Derick Allson

THIS, the Formula One fraternity concurs, is where the season proper gets under way. So it is appropriate David Coulthard should have redefined his strategy for the championship here vesterday.

The Scotsman, unceremoniously muscled out of contention for victory by Michael Schumacher in Argentina a fortnight ago, is patently prepared to be a more robust opponent in Sunday's San Marino Grand Prix.

Coulthard still awaits his first win of the campaign after three long-haul races and realises he must make his presence felt back on European ground if he is not to be left trailing his MeLaren-Mercedes team-mate, Mika Hakkinen. and the rejuvenated Schumacher-Ferrari combination.

"Next time I'll do something different," said Coulthard, thinly veiling his intent behind a gentle smile.

He was at pains to stress he would never resort to foul or changed pleasantries before redangerous tacties, but he was adamant he had the necessary racing instinct to succeed at this

a subsequent collision with Jacques Villeneuve, said: "I don't think my ability as a racer can be questioned. Sometimes in situations you come off heiter, sometimes worse. You don't have your opinion of a driver on one race.

"I'm comfortable with the way I race within the rules. I would never deliberately run anyone off the road or put them into the wall. But that doesn't mean I won't squeeze them as far as I think is safe. That's fundamental to racing.

"Staying out in front is one change I would like, but I'm always looking at different ways of racing. I'm always looking to push harder and find the limit. Those two incidents in Argentina are in the past and I'm focused on trying to win this grand prix and mount my challenge for the championship.

"I would obviously be happier if I had been winning races. but I'm in third place in the championship with 13 races to

Coulthard and Schumacher shook hands vesterday and extreating to their respective eamps to plot today's first prac-

Schumacher, who moved Coulthard, who finished ahead of Coulthard in the

sixth in Buenos Aires following standings with his maximum score in Argentina, professed himself optimistic with this weekend and confirmed Ferrari's plan to use the new, if unsightly, winglets that are in vogue but likely to be outlawed soon by the sport's governing body, the FIA.

The German, apparently unaware of the objection raised by the FIA president, Max Mosley. to the latest aerodynamic device, said: "What is the point to go on changing rules? There is no reason why we

should not be as competitive here as we were in Argentina. We have reason to be confident because we have improved the

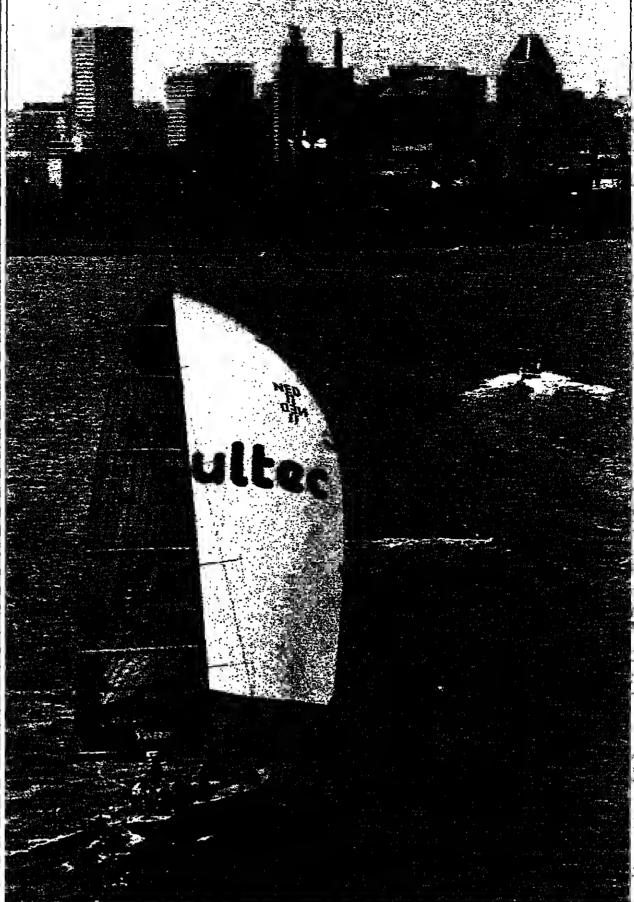
improvements, but Villeneuve,

their defending champion, must

wait until the next two races for significant changes to his car. The Canadian has been criticised in some quarters for his contribution to the cause. He responded; "I don't think it's fair, but it happens all the time. You're only as good as your last race, and people forget the

pressure of fighting." The world rally champion, Tommy Makinen, walked away unhurt from a 175mph mishap while testing the Williams Formula One car in Barcelona Spain, yesterday.

other 20 or 30 races and all the



Victory in view: Whitbread winner Brunel Sunergy approaches Baltimore on Wednesday

### Conner to face Guillou protest

By Stuart Alexander

in Baltimore

THE all-woman team of EF Education are to go ahead with a protest against Dennis Conner's Toshiba for a right of way incident on the first night of the seventh leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race from

The only joy for Conner as he flew home to San Diego after Brunel Sunergy had led the fleet into Baltimore on Wednesday was that he had pipped local man George Collins by just 10 seconds to be seventh rather than eighth. That equalled Toshiba's worst result on the previous six legs and Conner's discomfort was heightened by the knowledge that the man he called in to force co-skipper Paul Standbridge to stand aside. Chesapeake Bay pilot Mike Powers, had embarras run Toshiba aground.

Christine Guillou, EF Education's skipper, will tell an international jury that Conner was in the wrong. Conner will claim that Toshiba exonerated themselves by taking a 720-degree, double-turn penalty. The American will be annious not to see his boat docked points for a second time after being penalised for not reporting the use of the engine to clear weed from the prop on leg five.

Conner's margin was the tightest in Whitbread history on a day when Gunnar Krantz's. Swedish Match narrowed the gap on overall leader EF Language to 104 points, with two legs to go.

Any hope that Britain's Silk Cut could pull themselves up to a podium place by the time the race finishes in Southampton have faded. Lawrie Smith was beaten by three and a half minutes for fourth place by Knut Frostad's Innovation Kyaerner. "It was really nice to beat my old skipper," Prostad said.

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### Four-match ban for racist abuse

#### Rugby League

By Dave Hadfield

THE first player to be sent off for racially abusing an opponent has been given a relatively lenient four-match ban for an offence which has alarmed a game zealous of its multi-racial

Anthony Gibbons, the 22year-old Bramley utility player. Test forward, Brendon Tuuta, Oddy during the Easter Monassaulting their winger. Alex Goulbourne.

In an agreed statement, the Rughy League's disciplinary committee said that it was "satisfied that the player was not a racist. "Whilst he admitted using abusive language to an opponent, it was in the heat of the moment and he is offering a full apology."

Nobody from Doncaster gave evidence against Gibbons, but the committee considered a number of testimonials from schools in and around Leeds, many of coached pupils. The Bramley row.

club has underlined that it takes seriously its responsibilities under the sport's 13-point action plan against racism, which will be unveiled, with a rare sense of timing, next Tuesday.

Eugene Currie, the Bramley prop sent off for a dangerous tackle during the same, stormy match, has been suspended for two matches.

Warrington's New Zealand against St Helens at Anfield on day Second Division match. Sunday after neing hanned for match against the London Broncos last Sunday.

Andy Farrell reverts to the stand-off position he filled for Great Britain in the Test series against Australia for Wigan's match against the London Broncos on Sunday.

Farrell moves to the backs to cover for Henry Paul, who will not return from playing for New Zealand against Australia until Monday, Denis Betts slots into Farrell's usual loose forward role, with Lee Gilmour and Sithem multi-ethnic, where he has mon Haughton in the second

The relaxed Wigan coach, John Monie, has also taken the unusual step of telling his players their Wembley line-up for 2 May, although he has warned that he could have a change of heart if there are any substandard performances against London.

Their Challenge Cup final opponents, Sheffield Eagles, are pursuing a different strategy. The Eagles coach, John Kear, played a number of first-team players was sent off by referee Nick will miss his side's fixture in unfamiliar positions in the Alliance match against Huddersfield last night and may well do against Doncaster for verbally one match for a tackle in the the same in the Super League match at the same venue on Sunday, whilst keeping his Wembley selection under wraps.

Leeds will cover for the absence of Richie Blackmore, also in New Zealand for the Test, by bringing in Marcus St Hilaire and moving Francis Cummins to centre against Salford tonight.

Salford, who expect to have Scott Naylor and Martin Crompton fit again, are favourites to sign the former Halifax forward, Paul Highton. now that he has been made a free agent.

# Sampras humiliated by Santoro

#### Tennis

By John Roberts In Monte Carlo

hole" for himself in the clay at the Monte Carlo Open yesterday while Petr Korda figuratively knelt beside him, huilding a castle. Or was it Fawlty Towers? Sampras's 6-1, 6-1 defeat by the Frenchman Fabrice Santoro. his heaviest for eight years, leaves Korda just two matches away from becoming the world No 1.

Korda's challenge to become only the 15th player to reach the top since the ATP rankings began in 1973 was almost incidental compared to Sampras's humiliation. So abysmal was the American world enampion's performance that it seemed lu-

gained the No 1 position vacat- finds the slow red clay difficult to moved confidently about the ed by the injured Marcelo Rios master, it is rare to see great play court, capitalising on his oppoautomatically if Korda had lost ers flounder as he did yesterday. nent's errors and luring him into his third-round match as well.

close to blowing his chances, squandering a 5-0 first-set lead before recovering to defeat Spain's Albert Costa, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. Korda needs to advance to Sunday's final to secure enough points to add his name to the elite few. In the quarter-finals today he will play the Dutchman Richard Krajicek, the 1996

Wimhledon champion. Sampras, who has failed to win two matches in succession in his last three tournaments, has not been so embarrassed by a scoreline since losing to Sweden's Jonas Svensson, 6-0, 6-1, on day in Munich in 1990. Allowing for

enter the tournament; complaining last week that he had not fully recovered from a virus stomach. His doctor gave him him an injection two days before the event, a cure that was psychological more than physical. Both players were off the boil

yesterday, Sampras's elementary errors, particularly on the forchand, making it appear that this player on a mission to complete his set of Grand Slam singles titles by winning the French Open had never before set foot on a elay court.

Santoro's spiky, blond-tint-

I kind of felt myself digging a hig hole as the match went on."

the baseline, so that the ball would come back earlier to him and it wouldn't give him time. "I saw that he had great

his forehand. At the end of the first set, I saw that he felt if he continued that way he would have no chance against me. He tried to change things and be more aggressive, and he started making many mistakes." Boris Becker continued to

make good use of his wild card, demoralising the young Australian Mark Philippoussis in only 48 minutes, 6-1, 6-1. And Gustavo Kuerten, the French Open champion, was worn down

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#### Impressive Pinto plays down status as odds-on favourite

#### **Eondon Marathon**

By Mike Rowbottom

PORTUGALS sporting stock in the capital, lowered by Wednesday night's 3-0 defeat at Wembley, stands a good chance of picking up this Sunday, thanks to one man: Antonio Pinto. Very sensibly Pinto deflects

suggestions that he is the favourite to win the Flora London Marathon by pointing out the numerous other top class performers competing.

'Abel Anton, Josiah Thugwane. Steve Moneghetti, Jon Brown, Paul Evans," he said. "There are a group of favourites, and I respect them all."

For all that, Pinto's record in the 12 months since he won this event in a course record of 2hr 07min 55see sets him ahead of his rivals in the same way that Catherina McKiernan stands clear of the women's field. The bookies have him at 10-4 on.

Two recent performances in Lishon have consolidated the po-ners in the final three miles. sition of a runner who has proved a worthy successor to his illustrious compatriot, Carlos Lopes. the weather, but I will definitely

marathon best of 59min 43sec. runners. And on 4 April he lowered his 10,000 metres personal best to 27min 15.76see - staggering form for an athlete in training for 26 miles 385 vards.

That performance gained further resonance yesterday when he confirmed that he had run in flat shoes, rather than spikes, "I had a big commitment to running in London, and I didn't want to risk injury." he said.

He will line up as much in expectation as hope on Sunday as he seeks to equal Dionicio Curon's record of three London victories - Pinto won in 1992 in only his second marathon. Pinto's most recent experi-

ences of the London race have been contrasting in nature. In 1995 he looked as if he was going to run away with it before being caught and passed near the end by Ceron and Moneghetti.

Last year, he lowered Steve Jones's 12-year-old course record after passing four run-

So the tactics for this year?

"How fast I will run depends on

In March, he set a world half be keeping up with the front

Pinto's preparations could hardly have gone hetter. But his bright face clouded over when he was asked about comments he was reported to have made questioning the recent advances of the Spanish distance runners. with the clear implication that

they may be using unfair means. Speaking through his translator - and manager - Luis Fcline Posso - he said vesterday that his comments had referred to the criticism voiced by another Spanish runner, Pablo Sierra, who was suspended by the Spanish federation for six months after accusing Anton and a colleague, Martin Fiz. of using EPO, a drug which stimulates

the growth of red blood cells. "Antonio does not share these suspicions." Posso said. "He has run with Anton and Fiz for many years, and he regards them as friends."

A day earlier. Anton, through his manager Miguel Mostaza. strongly defended himself, pointing out he had progressed throughout a long career, and had never tested positive.

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dicrous that he would have re- the fact that Sampras generally ed hair was like a beacon as he baseline. Today I was staying on Santoro, ranked No 25, was more, encouraging by the fact

centage was down to 36 per cent over the 65 minutes. "I'm stunned," Sampras infection and a boil on his said. Every aspect of my game was just not there. My serve was off, my forehand was off. You just can't afford not to play well against someone like Santoro. who really doesn't miss much.

> Santoro, who has won three of his five matches against Sampras, said he had learned from his straight-sets defeat in the first round of last year's French Open. "In the French Open I was standing two metres behind the

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Luceyan Spring.
4.10.1. TYCCON TINA (A McCarthy) T3-2;
2. Cabcharge Blue 10-1; 3. Needwood Netfor 15-15 Fath - 1 for Linchick Lady. (A 101 - 1 for Linchick Lady. (A 101 - 1 for Linchick Lady.) DF: 178.00.
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4.40: 1. TENSTIE (R. Fibrario) 8-1; 2. Masamadan 10-1; 3. Dutch Lad 2-1 fav. 73 ran. 3/s. 1 Tota: 1710: 5380, 12-90, 1710.
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2.00: 1. CLINTON (Mr R Webby) 11-8 tor; 2. Mr Chatavery 4-1; 3. Grate Times 11-2. 15 ten. 23, 4. Toles: 52:00: 12:00 51:00 51:00. Duel Forecast 15:70. Computer Straight Forecast 55:21. This: 54:30, NR Take in Easy, 2.30: 1. GRS BEACH (T.J Mapphy) 7-2; 2. Dancetthyoughop 7-1; 3. Boots Madden, 9-4 tax 10 ran. 27, 9. Potes 53:00; 51:70, 52:70. 52:30. OF: 52:50. SR: 52:30. SR: 52:50. NRs: Georgetown, Landonieer.

5730 DF: S250, CSF: S2305 Trie: SEID APER
Georgetown, Landoniser.
3.02: 1. BELMORE ROCK (A P McCoy)
5-1; 2. Fountain Bid 7-2-3. Enchanted Cottage 14-1. 11 ran. 3-1 few Mittochaide Lad.
22. 31/a. Tota: S440: \$150, \$200, \$480, DF:
CHSC CSF: S2244 Tricast S2561 Trie: S5150
3.30: 1. SSYMOURSWIFF (C. Governy)
6-4 fay; 2. Court Meeter 6-1; 3. Martes 7-2.
6 fam, 7. A Tota: \$220, S250, DF: S350.
CSF: £050, NR: Fer East,
4.00: 1. QUEEN'S AWARD (G. Hogen)
5-2 fav. 11 ran. 1/a. 18. Tota: \$2290; E350,
2370, \$130, DF: C3560 CSF: \$2550 Triceet: \$34778, Trie: \$25890,
4.50: 1. SIBERIAN HENRY (C. Llowellyn)
8-1; 2. Bartholomaw Febr 8-1; 3. Blosenbash
3-1 fav. 0 ran. 9; 16. Tota: \$2280, C300; E140,
E200, DF: \$5850, CSF: \$2365, frie: \$5270,
NRs: Cette Firefly, Miners Glow, Rush in Win,
Russian River, Cettle Fierefly, (5-1) withprizawn

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by Cedric Pioline, 7-6, 6-1. QUARTER-FINAL LINE-UP: Santoro v Profina, Becker v Berasategui. Corretta v Moya, Krajicak v Korda.

not under orders. Rule 4 deduction on all bets, 15p in the pound. 5.00: 1. NOBEL LAD (A P McCoy) 7-1; 2. Rat's Rose 10-30; 3. Oriental Style 10-1 12 ran. 6-4 fav Res Orespez, 2, 5 Rote: \$580; 530; £160; £300, DF; £20,20 CSF; £30,82. Tric: £274,40 NR; Medam Lucy.

tepot: £29.60. Quadpot: £20.30. tee 8: £26.51. Place 5: £21.87.

2.20: 1. SECRET BAY (Mr 8 Swienz) 8-15 lav; 2. By Crikey 33-1; 3. Sayin Nowt 8-1, S ran. 31, 12 Tota: £150; £130; £180; £180 OF: £1000, CSF: £22.22, Tric: £1800, NR: 2.50: 1. KIT SMARTTE (P Carberry) 9-4;

4-20: 1. DOUBLING DICE (N Willermon)
50-1; 2. Capthin Tencrard 15-1; 3. Brancapeth Belie 25-1. 15 ran. 13-8 fav Americanval (4th), 7. 1/5 fote: 28800; 25-30, 5180, 1840. DF; 278310; CSF; 26934 73. Tric. Not 
won, NR: Breydon, 4.50: 1, 51. AUGHT SON (B Harding) 50-1; 
2. Ten Mile Milt 5-4 fav; 3. Parish 9-1.9 ran. 
9, 5. Tote: 23200; 2630, 2110, 2140. DF; 25660, CSF; 210538. Tricest: 2606.32. Trice: 222150, NR: Born To Piesse.

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# Exonerated Aspell seeks redress

By Richard Edmondson

LIVELY KNIGHT will run in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown tomorrow without a considerable amount of overweight on his back. His regular rider, Leighton Aspell, one of three jockeys arrested in January, yesterday had an immense burden of suspicion removed from his shoulders when police terday. "I hope this is an end to said he was no longer part of their race-fixing enquiries.

Aspell, who was apprehend-ed alongside his colleagues

Dean will be released soon.

It's a weight off my mine Jamic Osborne and Dean Gallagher, had been due to attend Charing Cross police station before, but there was never of this was of his making. for further questioning. A letter . any doubt in my mind that this from the Metropolitan Police Organised Crime Group means that it has taken this long but I he will now have next Wednes-

day free for professional duties. Lively Knight hardly lived up to his name in a novices' chase at Plumpton just over a year ago, limping home the second of

three runners despite being sent of his licence for a week by the Club knew that there was no ever found to have been adminoff at 1-7. He was subsequently found to have been doped and drugging of horses and race-fixing asked Aspell to see them.

"I knew that I would be proved innocent in the long run, but the whole investigation has been very worrying for me and my family," the jockey said yesthe whole matter as far as I am concerned and that Jamie and

"It's a weight off my mind. You do feel that people have been watching you more than from figures in authority. None day would come. I am annoyed am glad it has happened."

In the slipstream of Aspell's exoneration came the sugges-. tion of compensation. The jockey rode on under a cloud of doubt following the suspension I therefore presume that the

age to Leighton's reputation," Richard Brooks, the rider's solicitor, said yesterday. "He was arrested amid a blaze of publicity which was fuelled by some

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Johnny Staccato (Sandown 5.15) NB: Jack Robbo (Perth 3.50)

very unfortunate comments

"In addition to this, Leightoo has lost a not insignificant amount of earnings because the Jockey Club saw fit to suspend him and, of course, he has to pay his legal fees. This has been a joint investigation by the Jockey Club and the police and

Jockey Club. "While I do not idence of wrongdoing by Leichlike to dwell on it this episode ton. This makes the suspension Lively Knight. police investigating both the may have caused untold dam- of his licence all the more disturbing."

Josh Gifford, Lively Knight's trainer, added: "I am thrilled to hits. This has been badly handled by the Jockey Club, I hope Leighton is given a hig apology and I hope he gets compensation because you can't imagine what the poor boy's been through.

The fact that he has been exonerated is wooderful, but it should not have happened in the first place. This has been a very trying time for Leighton and it is to his credit that he has come through it as well as he

The focus will now shift to Osborne and Gallagher. The former was the partner of Avanti Express, who was pulled up when well fancied at Exeter, also last March. The gelding was lat-

istered the same tranquilliser as Gallagher was scooped up in

a dawn raid on his Lambourn home and was interviewed, along with four other men, including professional gamblers, none of whom were licensed by the Jockey Club.

Gallagher was in winning form at Perth on Wednesday. when he steered home the rather unfortunately named King Of Thieves. Osborne. though, has not been in the saddie for the latter part of the season after badly injuring his wrist in a racecourse fall. Their fate remains unclear.

"I have spoken to Andrew Chalk, who is representing RICH. Jamie, and also to Dean's solicitors," Brooks said. "They are obviously happy for Leighton but are in the dark as to why the other two jockeys could not be



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Guest reacted furiously to ed for 30 days.

Guest said he was the victim of a witchhunt. "I've retired, I'm finished. This is not a heat-ofthe-moment of thing - I'm not going to wake up in the morn-

# 2.05 i'm Proposin 2.35 Therhea 3.10 ALMUSHTARAK (nap) 5.15 Johnny Staccato

3.40 Invermark INSPECTION: 7.45em

GOING: 5! course - Heary; round course - Soft (Heavy patches).

STALLS: 5! - stands side; rest - Inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5t.

® Right-hand course; separate stiff 5! track.

© Course is on A307. 4m south of Kingston. Ester rial station (service from London, Witterton) adjoins course. ADMISSIONS CAID 15t., Junior Club (17 - 21 yrs) \$12; Grandstand & Paddock 20; Park enclosure 15. CAR PARK: Free.

© LEADING TRAINERS: R Hannon 25 winners from 267 runners gives a success ratio of 9.7%; M Stoute 23 from 124 (185%); J Dunlop 18 from 104 (173%); J Goaden 16 from 105 (155%). from 103 (155%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddary 51 with from 223 ndes gives a success ratio of 223%; Leading 48 from 211 (22.7%); J Reld 24 from 195 (12.3%); T Quinn 17 from 152 (712%) FAVOURITES: 188 wins in 547 races (34.4%). BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None. 2.05 POLYGRAM STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 added C4

being told he was in breach of the non-triers' rule over his riding of This Is My Life, an 8-1 chance who finished 10th, beateo 64 lengths in the selling hurdle. The horse's trainer, Kate Milligan, was fined £1,000 and the borse is now suspend-

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2.35 TONY STRATTON-SMITH RATED HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 1m TONY STRATTON-SMITH MATEU STREET

HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 1m

1 0959- GROOM'S GORDON (172) (C) (8 Heliday Partnersho) £ Alson 6 9 7 . Pat Edday 2 97
2 -5002 GULF SHAADI (b) (C) (D) (8 Heliday Partnersho) £ Alson 6 9 7 . S Sanders 9 105
3 2303-0 ZUEDN'S PAGEANT (S) (Alson A Satish) K Marid 4 8 0 . L Dettor 7 102
4 03-32 OUEDN'S PAGEANT (S) (Alson A Satish) K Marid 4 8 0 . L Dettor 7 102
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5 04-0-3 THERHEA (S) (D) (R Gudge'C Lowell Calvert) S R Milman 5 5 0 . A Whetan 3 100
6 405-0 STAR MANAGER (USA) (JISS) (CD) (M Arbb) P Cole 8 10 . T Guinn 10 92
7 00-450 MR MARCA (G) (C J Mercate) S Meeten 4 8 6 . K Falton 1 96
8 2040- DUT OF SIGHT (SS) (D) (D J Alson) S McMahan 4 8 7 . R Cochrane 5 96
9 2040-D SONG OF SKYE (Z) E J Ferrardin 7 J Maughton 4 8 7 . R Ochrane 6 96
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[3	.10	CHRYSALIS 30TH ANNIVERSARY MILE (GROUP 2) (CLASS A) 250,000 added 1m
1		CREMSON TIDE (166) (D) (C Whight) J Hes 4 9 4 M Halls 2 115
2	10121-	CRYSTAL HEARTED (215) (Mrs C M Poland) H Candy 4 9 4 A McGlone 3 119
3	03522-	GOTHENBERB (189) (D) (B Yeardley Continental) M Johnston 5 9 4 , 10 Holland 1 /17
4	200-2	ALMUSHTARAK (9) (D) (Harried Al-Mutawa) K Marus 5 9 0 A Cochrane 6 1/8
5	T336-	HANDSOME RIDGE (202) (Part Promotions) J Gosden 45 0 , L Dettori 7 117
8	2120-	BLUISION (247) (D) (BF) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 48 0
7	6063-1	MUCHEA (19) (Abion Investments) M Charmon 4 8 0
6	13325-	POLAR PRINCE (231) (BP) (Mrs C Stevenson) M Jarvis 5 8 0 P Robinson 8 117
6		FIAMETTA (6) (3 H Vosk) C Britain 4 B 11

BETTING: 7-2 Almushtarak, 4-1 Crimson Tida, 5-1 Gottnenberg, H 6-1 Musion, Polar Prince, 9-1 Crystal Hearted, 40-1 Flametta

1997; Wadm 4 8 0 PM Eccery 5-1 IN Charmon preven by a ran FORM GUIDE.

Muches was racing for the first time since October when warraing the Group Three Gladness Stakes on heavy going at the Curreyh 19 deys ago but that was over seven fundings. He has yet to prove the stays a mile. Almushbarak was parrowh beatan by Apprehension on his reappearance in the inne-funding Earl of Setton on the soft at Newmerket nine days ago. He tends to idle once he his the thorit and book if up too soon – at the furthing marker Kamil Maintig charge wasn't far behind Muchea when they were third and ninth (of 12) to Kahal in the Group Two Challenge Stakes at Newmarket in October and he can turn that form around over this extra quarter-mile. However, CRIMISON TRDE can beef them both, John Hell's runner wound up 1997 with a hat-inch, including Group Two events at Dussedorf and the Capannelle. The son of Sadient's Wells acts on the heavy and he should not fail through lock of fitness. Comson Tide finished is length and a hatif adrift of Almusharak when they were second and third to finished is length and a hatif adrift of Almusharak when they were second and third to finished at Epoom in September – Potar Prince fifth – and is 56 worse in but he propressed a lor after that and can reverse that unwing Hamdsome Ridge has won over nine turlongs at Goodwood and Massons-Lattine (soft) last term but his stable heach that form yet.

Ŀ	40 HEATHDRI	NS BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP 27,000 2m 78yds
L	(CLASS D)	£7,000 2m 78yds
1		(13) (C) (D) (W   M Peny) () Elsworth 9 9 13, N Polised (7) 7 5
2	10031- WHITECHAPEL (1	(82) (D) (The Queen) Lord Humangston 10 9 11 L Detrori 6 :
3	120-6 HAVERMARK (9) (1	Sc David Wills) J Feinshawe 49 ft
4	215-34 DOVEDON STAR	(20) (BF) (O Petitoni) A kelithray 4 9 8
5	230-0 BOWCLIFFE COU	HT (26) (D) (A D Spence) J Alichurst 6 9 3
6	1432-0 BUDEST (13) OF H	igenins)   Bolding 4 6 1
7	03-300 GALAPINO (29) (E	3F) (Glendale Psho) Miss G Kelleway 5 9 1 R Coctmane 1 8
6	10504 SEA FREEDOM (1	3) (Miss B Swire) O Baiding 7 69 S Drowne 5 V i • 8 declared -

Gataploo, 8-1 Sea Freedom, 10-1 Sudest 1937: Enerty Park, 4 9 8 J. Wesser 9-2 (M. Johnston) drawn (5) 8 ran FORM GUI/DE Pour-length Dueen's Prize winner IVOR'S FLUTTER looks capeble of going in again off a 6b higher rating. The ground was testing at the Sunbury brack and NoR-Poland, who handled the nine-year-old so well, again takes off 7th. Sea Freedom finished a 15-length fourth at Kempton white Sudest was railed off in ninth, though the latter will be filter for that first outing since August, Dovedon Stair was miles in front of Bowlettine of the transport when a Far third to Tunnpole at Donester four weeks ago but finished well beaten herself next time in Rossel's race at Hamilton. However, they could pose a threat if back near their best, Invermank had been of the track strug November when a remote part of 20 to Raise A Prince at Newmarks nine days ago and will be much sharp-

	4.10	LINCOLN MILD CIGARS MAIDEN STA £6,000 added 3YO filies 1m 2f	ikes (Class D)
	1 643-	AKARITA (191) (Barouche Stud) B McMethon 8 TI	R. Cochrane 5
		LA ROCHELLE (190) (Seeed Manana) C Brittain 8 7)	D Harrison 3
ŀ	9 4	ALGEBRARY MEST RESERVED AND AND AND STREET	1.1 GHG- 7

BETTING: S.2 Mondschein, 3-1 Cherroux, 7-2 La Rochelle, 4-1 Mennequin, 5-1 Akarika, 7-1 Poppy Too.

187: Usrane Venture 8.7 W Ryan 13-2 (S Woods) drawn 8) in ran

FORM GUIDE

Cave Brittain introduced User Friendly - who want on 10 Oaks and St Leger glory - 10 win this in 1992 and this time saddles LA ROCHELLE. She might be good enough with her stable in form. The Salse filty ran well to finish a 12-length sixth behind test weeks Fedden Stalkes winner Border Antow at Newmarket last October on her single start to data. Mondechein was four lengths clear of the third when running Final Tango to a neck at Redicar in October on the last of two attempts at two. She is May to be straight enough coming from John Dunlop's stable, Peter Chapple-Hyam's debutare Charroux is by Dershaan but of the high-class Dunal, who has produced many witners including dual Ascot Gold Cup hero Gildoran.

Selection: LA ROCHELLE TA AND BOW STREET MEDIAN ALICTION MAIDEN STAKES

	14 411	DOM STREET MEDIAT POSITOR MAIDER STATES
	7.70	(CLASS E) £5,000 2YO filies 5f
	1	DORISSIO (Mes A V Hill) I Balding 6 ft
	2	DOUBLE CHOICE (S.L. Partnership) R. Hennon 8 11 Dane O'Netti 1
	3	KINGPISHERS BONNET (P J Wigstiment S Knott 8 Tl OR McCabe 3
	4	PALACE GREEN (M G St Quinton) M Channon 8 11 7 Clother S
	5	SNAP CRACKER (J Miler) M Cuint 8 TI
١	6 03	TRUE LOVE WAYS (20) (Mescale Stud) W G M Furner 8 TI
		- 6 declared ~
	SETTING: 5-	2 Palace Green, 100-30 Dorleels, 7-2 True Love Ways, 9-2 Double Choice, 7-1 Snap

SETTING: 5-2 Palaca Green, 100-30 Donteelo, 7-2 True Love Ways, 9-2 Louise Greene, 1-1 Services, 1-1

	[5	.15	SILVER CLEF HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 5 Penalty Value £5,836
j	١,		PATSY GRIMES (ZI) (D) (J K Grimes) J S Moore 8 100 P P Murphy (3) 13
i	2	402-30	THE GAY FOX (18) (D) (BF) (G Winnelser) S Moldenon 49 ff
-	3	1060-2	LORD HIGH ADMIRAL (29) (CD) (Eine Recing) M Heaton-Elis 109 7 M. Roberts (
	4	04420-	SIT JOEY (USA) (160) (D) (BF) (Mrs A G Sims) P Murphy 9 9 6
	5	000.02	JOHNNY STACCATO (11) (CO) (R O S Racing) R O'Sultrain 4 62 R Cochrane 1
	6	600-10	STUFFED (8) (D) (Early Morning Brisikhast Synd) M W Easterby 0 3 2 R Hughes :
	7	2002.6	MISTER JOLSON (11) (CD) (Bob Frooms) R Hodges 9 6 to S Drowne 10
	8	6140-0	BUTRINTO (26) (M C Whetery) J Pearce = 8 11
	9	1300-0	SALLY GREEN (24) (CD) (K V Storborg) C Wall 4 8 Tl

10 4 000-6 BARRAMAK (25) (0) (4 Mac Carthy) G McCourt 6 7 0 ...... Darren Mofitar (3) 12 14 050-07 STRAT'S GUEST (11) Li Burrenon D Artuntrol 4 7 13 .......... Barren Mofitar (5) 17 -14 declared - 14 declared - 14 declared - 15 may be 10 to 10 to

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THE GAY FOX looks to have a fine chance. The selection, trained by Bryan McMahon (successful with Yorkidas Boy in last week's Field Marshal Stakes at Newmarket) scored three times last term, including a soft-ground Newmarket success. The Gay Fox. a length and three-quarters behand Lord High Admirate when they were second and that to of 8 to Proud Native at Doncaster four weeks ago, can reverse that numling with a 4th advantage. Militar Jolson justified texcuritism in the corresponding recent two years ago off a 5to lower mark than loday's. He will be fifter as a result of his party of 20 to Marshall at Yempron over Easter and can reverse that form with second-placed Johnny Staccasto. Northern raider Stuffed, demoded after scoring at Ripon eight days ago would prefer faster surface.

Selection: THE GAY FOX FORM GUIDE

.. SANDOWN 2.05: Hitman was strongly fancied to win for Henry Cecil at Leicester (im) a fortnight ago but could not get past PM PROPOSIN.

000 2.35: Star Manager is a spring harse - this eight-year-old won his initial cutings in 1995 and 1996, both in April. Bryan McMahon's stable has made a sharp start to the season so the fact that Out Of Sight has not run for t1 months should not

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2.25 Zircon 2.55 High Premium 3.30 Thanks Keith 4.00 Tertium 4.30 Hollow Haze 5.05

GOING: Good (Good to Soft in places), STALLS: Inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best in rur races.

BRight-hand undulating course.

Course is 4m W of junction 42 of M6, Cartele station 2m, AD-MISSION: Cub 52 (GAPs & under-21s 59); Tattersalis 57 (GAPs & under-21s 59); CAPs & Under-21s 59); Tattersalis 57 (GAPs & Under-21s 59); Tatt

sion 13-65 (20%).

© LEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley 19-103 (18.4%), J Fortune 13-100 (13%), J Weaver 10-61 (18.4%), J Curroll 10-98 (10.2%).

© FAVOURITES: 96-282 (3.4%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Birchwood Sun (visored, 6.05).

2.25 BUZZARD MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) CALLITWHATYOUWANT J JONES 80 ....

2.15 The Lady Scores 2.45 Crabbie's Pride 3.20

Blue Charm 3.50 Course Doctor 4.20 Master Chet 4.55 Mystere 5.25 The Gardener

CALLTWHATYCHMANT J J CONeil 6 0 ... R. Firench 8
EFFANDEMM Mes L. Ferenti 9 0 ... J. Weeker 16
KALAFARS FERRARI (16) J. Berry 9 0 ... K. Cherky 6
LOUGHANLEA (ESA) M. W. Escirbly 9 0 ... T. Lucan 2
MASTER TROCK F farby 9 0 ... R. Winston 61 16
RED PRAIRIE (USA) M. Sell 9 0 ... M. Ferenci 1
RICK DOMINION J. Bernell 9 0 ... G. Dumbel 13
RICK DOMINION J. Bernell 9 0 ... G. C. Lewther (3) 11
SAMMAL (27) J. GOOK 9 0 ... J. Fortune 12
SAMMAL (27) J. GOOK 9 0 ... J. Fortune 12

Carlisle

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count against him. Rod Millman has also been saddling winners, though, and THERHEA should be staying on best of all in the closing stages.

3.10: ALMUSHTARAK looks in be

in great shape judged on his narrow second to Apprehension on soft going at Newmarket last week. 

3.40: Ivor's Flutter often has his own ideas about racing but a 6th rise in the weights for a Kempton victory two weeks ago would not stop him if he's in the right mood. INVER-MARK, however, looks the one to be on. He steps up to a stayer's disto prove entirely suited by it.

D SHARP RHYTHM (II) M Johnston 8 6 ......

SHETALONG M British 6.9 T Williams 10.5 SPENDTHEFROCEDES (24) W 6 M Turner 6.9 D McGestin (7) 4 SPRUNGS NOBLEGUEST 1 Especiely 6.9 L. Chamook 6

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2.55 KESTREL CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 71

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e Charm 3.50 Course Doctor 4.20 Master	2 F2THF THIS IS MY LIFE (SZ) Miss K Milligen 8 TI 10 T Skiddull (5) 3 1PM256 TRIENNRUM (74) (BF) P Monistr 8 TI 10 I Jurdine (5)	8 03-08 NEZAAL (13) M Hammond 7 10 9 R Gentley 9 8009-2 SOUTHERN CROSS (10) M W Easterby 8 10 2 A Dobble B	4 206 EXCURSION (32) J Hørson 5 71 4
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ñ		BROADWATER BOY (35) (3) W Farmond 10 100
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10 3D-POD WOODFORD GALE (11) Miss L Pussel 5 TO	
14 4064FP TONY'S FEEL PIGS (71) (CO) Mrs D Thomson TO	
6 80-25 AFSTODEMAS (114) His Literate 9 TO 0	
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14 4064FP TORY'S FEELINGS (71) (CD) Mrs D Tremson 10 TO 0 B Storey	71
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A Thornton	6	27/20	AUSTURN CASTLE (PS4) M Biddick 9 10 0 _ Mr J Young (7)				
do 6 107 G Bradley	7	E-PPPF	CULPEPPERS DISH (P40) k Wynne 7 to 0 Mr R Burton (7)				
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NOVICEHANDICAP	12	P32-4	SHAARID (30) (D) R.J. Houghton to 100 _ Mr R Waldey (3)				
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6 -0435 SIBERIAN NYSTIC (41) P Nurthy 5 10 9 ... I Aspail (5)
7 22876 SAYERO (11) J 03 ne 7 10 8 ... A Thornton
6 TASA6 WELSH SILK (5) (0) 0 Gardolio 5 10 7 ... J A Security 5
9 PFFS40 PALIBOUTH SAY (35) O Sternood 6 10 7 ... J A Security 5
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1	0/7334	CROSS THE RUBICON (11) C Brooks 7 to 10 _ G Bradie
2	423511	SAMBIORELLO (27) (C) (D) N Teston-Daves 7 11 6
3	172254	WHINOW (31) (SF) Mess H Kright 6 TI 3 J Cull
4	56F430	SUPER RETCHART (11) 8 Point 10 TI 3
5	2-P024	HARDY WEATHER (20) (D) D Gardolo 9 11 1 T J Mon
6	4672	JUST ONE QUESTION (37) JJ ONES 8 TI OA Thorn
7	03/OPP	CALL ME CITIZEN (11) (II) H Curs 12 104 J LANCE
6	3675.0	BOSO HILL COT ICO Miss P Whatte 9 X 3.Mr R Whitey

7.30 LORD PORTMAN HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) 52,500 added 2m 4f 11-TILL BILLE CHEEK (21) (CD) G Matter 12 12 7 ... Mr M Harris (7) 104P3 FOX POINTER (P11) Was L Exerc 10 12 7 ... Miles E James (7)

5.50 ALDERMINSTER HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m

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BETTING: 3-1 Royester, 7-2 Cool As A Discusser, 4-1 Parlantentarien,
7-1 Horitern Seldler, 8-1 O My Love, 10-1 Man Mood, 12-1 others 6.20 COURTYARD HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,500 added 2m

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1 2942 HIGH IN THE CLOUDS (22 (0 BF) T Foster 5 II 2 \_ 9 Wyme

2 442F5 DANCING PADDY (16) (0) KC-9 cm 10 II 2 \_ 8 Fention

3 2200 HORLE LORD (74) (0) A Prince 5 II 0 \_ \_ 8 Michael

4 09-31 TIGHT PST (165) (0) Mes H Kinght 6 II II \_ 8 Fention

5 628F0 HORLE IN (20) (C) (0) Mes H Kinght 6 II II \_ 8 Fention

6 09F2 SELVER THYNE (274) (C) Mes J Firmen 6 ID S \_ D Loshy

7 06761 MESLEYS LAD (39) D Righted 4 II S \_ D Loshy

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BETTING: 7-2 Migh in The Clouds, 4-1 Michae Lord, 9-2 Khelied, Westery's

Led. \$1 Silver Thyne. 8-1 Tight Fist, 10-1 Dancing Paddy 6.50 VETERANS CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 edded 3m 2f

7.20 BARFORD SELLING HURDLE (CLASS 

7 DSSS WHERE'S MERIARDA (10) G McCourt & U.S. O. J. MoRet.
8 SPA-F FURRES FAREWELL (45) MSS E England \$ 10 S. O Painter (7)
10 SFG-C LASTO ARRES (27) G Thome? 7 102 ... L. Harrey
11 SFG-S ALTHREY BLUE (116) R Peccock 8 10 0 ... S McNell
11 GS PAG LUCRATIVE PERK (82) MSS C Caroe 6 10 0 ... D Loshy
11 declared 11 declared BETTING: T-2 Honeybed Wood, 9-2 Country Massard, 5-1 Where's Mireoda, 6-1 Biggs Of Song, 6-1 Liathach, Bemba Changer, 10-1 others

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World Cup build-up: England's spine in perfect form for France as Scotland draw satisfaction from a night of 'total domination'

# Hoddle savours perfect warm-up

By Glenn Moore Football Correspondent

PORTUGAL, as might befit England's oldest allies, proved the perfect opposition for Glenn Hoddle's team at Wembley on Wednesday night. Bewitching from hox to box but impotent at one end and careless at the other they gave the England coach much to muli over while still enabling his team to gain a morale-boosting

The most obvious lesson was the confirmation of the importance of England's spine, notably the goalkeeper. David Seaman, and goalscorer. Alan Shearer. If those two, Tony Adams and Paul Ince remain fit. England have a chance in the

"There is no such thing as my hest XI," said Hoddle, "there is my best spine. As a tournament progresses there is no chance of playing a 'best XI' due to injuries and suspension but, such is our sound, any team I but around that some will have as good a chance as anyone outside Brazil."

The key player is Shearer and Hoddle added: "We've proved we can play without him and score goals and win matches but it is a tight game and with him we have that added ingredient which can be the difference between doing average and doing well,

"His injury is a blessing in disguise as he is fresh, we just have to hope he does not pick up another injury. He's proved in Euro'96 he can score in tournaments hut, like every great striker, he is chomping at the hit to do it in a World Cup.

"He only needs one, maybe two, chances a game to put one away. I wouldn't swap him for anyone, not even Ronaldo. Alan is also skipper, he leads by example and hard work is not a dirty word for him. Ronaldo will create more goals for himself with individual play but Alan's a better all-round finisher

England also showed they are learning tactically. Faced. for the third match in succession, with a team playing three forwards, they adapted far better than against Chile and Switzerland ultimately switching comfortably from having four at the back when without the ball, to three when in possession. Graeme Le Saux was a key figure. Although his defensive work can be impulsive he is always capable of making an impact in attack. Gary Neville's capacity to switch at ease from right-back to right-

#### How England's 22 might look

Goalkeepers Defenders IN: G Neville, Keown, Campbell

Midfield

In: Inca, Beckham, Gascoigne, Batty, Scholes. PLUS: Two from Redknapp (if fit), Lee, Butt, Parlour, McMana-man, Merson, Anderton, Le Forwards IN: Shearer, Sheringham, Owen.

sided centre-back was also important.

PLUS: Two from L Ferdinand, Barmby, Wright, Cole, Dublin.

There was some concern at the way Portugal were able to cut through England's midfield Adams or Sol Campbell seemed happy when opponents dropped deep. This should not be too great a problem as they have adapted before but the defence's occasional lack of comfort when in possession will not be rectified until someone like Rio Ferdinand is bedded into

the team. jaded look of the Manchester Teddy Sheringham took his goal keeper as a 23rd player.

with his head, left foot and right well, but was notably less influential than usual while Paul Scholes and David Beckham were both subdued. With United's season apparently destined to end in failure their players appear mentally drained as well as physically tired and Hoddle will have to work hard to lift them in the coming weeks.

Hoddle was also given, as he said, "food for thought" by Tuesday's B international. He praised Darren Anderton, Matt Le Tissier, Les Ferdinand and Nick Barmby, but must be most intrigued by Le Tissier's performance. The Southampton player was increasingly impressive at Loftus Road and, while doubts remain about his contribution when the opposition have the ball, his imagination and ability on it offers possibly the only genuine alternative to Paul

Hoddle now has three matches left, against Saudi Arabia at Wemhley on May 23, and in Casahlanca against Morocco and Belgium on May 27 and 29. before he names his final 22 on

For those warm-up matches he will be naming a single souad soon after the Premiership finishes on May 10. This could be as much as 30-strong to cater for the probable involvement of Gascoigne and Paul Merson in the play-offs with Middlesbrough, and the certain involvement of the eight players in England contention in the FA Cup final on May 16. Hoddle is dreading the thought in the first half and neither Tony of a replay, one match is had enough as he admitted when he said: "It'll be murder watching Tony [Adams] up against Alan

With Michael Owen having probably secured a place with his performance on Wednesday the list of near-certainties is up to 16. The make-up of the final 22 is still in doubt while the coach-The other worry was the estry and persuade the game's world governing body. Fifa, to United players - Neville apart. allow them to name a third goal-



Alan Shearer proved at Wembley why he is the backbone of England Photograph: Peter Jay ly and Jackie McNamara."

# Brown has cause for optimism

Park, as Scotland and their supporters celebrated qualificaught the mood of national side could only draw with Finland, Doris Day's refrain of What will be, will be" sounded like an acceptance of their likely role as World Cup makeweights.

No bad thing, many would argue, given the way inflated expectations have tended to blow up in Scottish faces during World Cup campaigns. The tragi-comedy that was Ally MacLeod's Argentinian adventure 20 years ago remains all too vivid. But the Scotland manager, despite being an infinitely more pragmatic man than his Ayrshire neighbour, msisted yesterday that pessimism was misplaced.

Brown claimed he was pleased by the way his experimental team "totally dominated" the Finns in Wednesday's final eliminator for the forthcoming games against Brazil, Norway and Morocco. Although there are two further warm-up matches, against Colombia in New Jersey and the United States in Washington DC, the players who make the 10-day trip will he the 22 who represent Scotland in the finals.

our chances in this World Cup than I was at Euro 96," Brown said. "Players like Colin Hendry, Colin Calderwood, lacher are all far better than they were two years ago. Then there a claim for a regular place, like Billy McKinlay, Christian Dail-

According to Brown, he WHEN it was played at Celtic of the squad he will announce on 12 May. There are hard choices to be made; David cation for France 93 in the au-, Hopkin, out of form and favour tumn sim, "Que Sera. Sera" at Leeds, looks set to miss out, whereas Tosh McKinlay, simipride. On a wet night at East- larly frustrated at Celtic, gave er Road, after Craig Brown's a persuasive performance in Tuesday's B international .

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Brown admits to being overloaded" with defenders. We can't take six centre-backs

How Scotland's 22 might look Hendry McNamere, T McKinley PLUS: The from Ellicit, Weir and

with us," he said. Derek Whyte's left-sidedness may win him a place ahead of David

But neither defence nor midfield is a source of concern compared with Scotland's lack of firepower. Five strikers were used against Finland; yet only Gallacher and Gordon Durie I'm more optimistic about - are certainties for France.

A player enjoying a scoring spree in the season's final weeks could still force his way in, added Brown. With neither John Collins and Kevin Gal- - Darren Jackson nor Scott Booth conspicuously successful on Wednesday, he well have had. are the ones beginning to stake. in mind an Old Firm pair from opposite ends of the age spectrum, Ally McCoist and Simon

# Ortega the new Maradona

JUST before England begins to expect too much from its ing World Cup, it might be wise to study Argentina's performance against the Republic of to spare. Manchester United are Ireland in Duhlin. "On top of the world"? Not yet, by any

If England get through the first phase in France they will have a 50-50 chance of meeting Argentina, who surely will finish above Japan and Jamaica in Group H and Duhlin suggested that the outcome will be far from a formality. For a start, Tony Adams, Gareth Southgate and Co have every right to be having sleepless nights about the prospect of meeting Ariel Ortega.

The 24-year-old Valencia player was substitute for Diego Maradona in the 1994 World Cup and has picked up the mantle of the flawed maestro along with the No 10 shirt. Against the Irish he was sublime, scoring a sumptuous goal in addition to conducting the match with the

JOHN SPENCER underwent

exploratory surgery vesterday

because of his heart murmer.

The Scottish striker was exam-

ined at in a clinic in London

after Everton demanded he

went through a stringent check

hefore signing him for £1.5m.

which involved a "scope' like

those carried out on knee in-

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heart murmer that has delayed

his transfer. The surgeons may

Speacer agreed to the tests

By Alan Nixon

Argentina's playmaker is a man who will be crude tockling, you fear, would jaw' says Ince football team in the forthcom- feared at France 98. Guy Hodgson reports point of impotency no matter PAUL INCE, the England Nicolas Anelka showed glimpses. Ireland football after helping

> reported to be interested in him and on the evidence of Wednesday they ought to be on the phone to Spain this morning.

Ortega does not have the exharder than his predecessor, gohis passing is better. He also has a better awareness of his colleagues, geographically and emotionally, which should smooth out some of the dress-

works very hard and exploited the gap between our back four and the midfield very well." Mick McCarthy, the Irish manager said. His goal? "What do you do about stopping him do that? I'd like some advice on that one. To have that ability....

tions about his future.

Jamie Redknapp will he fit

for the World Cup, according to

the Liverpool manager, Roy

Evans. The injury-jinxed mid-

fielder injured a knee at Coven-

try last Sunday and, after

travelling to Bishom Abbey for

England's get-together, went

back to Liverpool for treatment.

The England coach, Glenn

casual air of a man with plenty It was a great individual goal."

Shay Given and the oft 4in of

plosive change of pace of Maradona, but he works far Gary Breen a yard off the goalline. Matt Le Tissier perhaps. ing deep to collect the ball, and ing-room ruffles which seemed to accompany Maradona.

"He runs all over the pitch,

It was. In fact you would be hard pushed to find an Englishman who could score with a chip from the left-hand side of the penalty area that went over a mélée of players, goalkeeper

but that is another argument. Just as how to stop him is another matter. The natural inclination would be to man mark him, but if you think David Batty is the answer then it is likely to prove a short one because Ortega not only possesses many of Maradona's gifts but has clearly studied the darker arts

He was booed at the end by an Irish crowd disillusioned by his diving and writhing and Derby's Rory Delap was lenge. Batty's occasionally just need the results."

But Evans insists Redknapp

should play again this term and

would definitely be fit before

Hoddle picks his squad of 22 for

France. Evans said: "Jamie is

improving all the time. It's a mi-

nor strain of the lateral liga-

ment. When people say he's out

for the season it sounds very

dramatic but the season only has

three weeks to go and we still

7. 9. 10. 12. 37. Bonus number: 46.

be given yellow cards to the tact. Clean Hodgie will have to ga becomes some other coach's problem.

Ireland never solved the problems he posed although it was not an entirely barren evening for McCarthy. Robbie Keane had a splendid home dehut against good defenders while Mark Kinsella, Lee Carsley and Kevin Kilbane confirmed the good impressions made earlier in their formative international careers.

Add the injured Roy Keane. Jason McAteer and Damien Duff to the team that finished and there are reasons for optimism in the European Championship qualifiers which begin against Croatia in September.

"In terms of progressing to the squad I want I'm delightbooked for an injudicious chal- ed." McCarthy said, "Now we

ing part in our last games."

The Football League yester-

ecutive. Richard Scudamore,

3S, will take up the post at the

end of May. Scudamore will be

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Sheepshanks, said: "He combines

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The League chairman. David

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not to have a broken jaw after hope things pan out so Orte- being punched in the face as he was leaving Wembley following Wednesday night's 3-0 win over Portugal.

The Football Association has announced it will be reviewing security at the stadium following the incident, after which a man was arrested. Ince. the Liverpool and for-

mer West Ham player, was with his wife, Claire, and clubmate Steve McManaman when he was struck as he posed for a photograph with a fan. He said: "In a way I was lucky. If the punch had land-

ed on my jaw it would have broken it. I got away with a A 33-year-old man from Chelmsford in Essex was arrested and questioned by police following the incident. He was later released on po-

#### I was lucky not Anelka displays to have broken World Cup form HE MAY not have scored but about the future of Northern

whether his boots made con-midfielder, claims he is lucky of international potential on his them to beat Switzerland 1-0 in Wednesday that suggested he could be the answer to the search for a striker by France's coach, Aimé Jacquet.

With the World Cup finals on home soil looming, the 19-yearold Arsenal striker, who played along Marseilles' Christophe Dugarry in the goalless draw in Stockholm, had France's only scoring chance hitting a first-half

shot from 25 yards. Anelka, who was replaced by Monaco's David Trezeguet 15 minutes from time, looked far more consistent than Dugarry. the best French striker at Euro 96 but struggling to be fit for the World Cup finals, Jacquet used Ancika and Dugarry in preference to Auxerre's Stéphane Guivarc'h as he tries to decide

his 22-man squad for the finals. Another London-hased striker, Wimhledon's Michael Hughes, is feeling confident lieves the long wait for success in the province since the thrilling World Cup campaigns of 1982 and 1986 could be over.

The Wimbledon winger believes the team are finally beginning to realise their full potential under Lawrie McMenemy, who has enjoyed two wins out of two so far. · Hughes thinks Northern Ire-

land's preparations are on track for their first qualifier for the 2000 European Championships. against Turkey in September. "We've got that bit of confidence back in the team and there's no reason why we can't continue to go forward," he said. Their next warm-up is in Spain on 3 June.

Elsewhere on a busy evening Italy beat their fellow qualifiers, Paraguay, 3-1 in Parma, and discovered a World Cup candidate in Francesco Moriero, who scored two stunning goals.

Workington, another former

Foothall League outfit. The

Reds have been relegated from

the UniBond First Division.

and will play in the North

West Counties League next

season. Also going down from

the UniBond are Buxton, to the

Northern Counties East

League. Burscough and Huck-

nall Town are the likely re-

#### French face fine over ticket farce

By Nick Harris

World Cup ticket hotline may increase the likelihood of the French tournament organisers (CFO) facing a multi-million pound fine, the European Commission said yesterday.

The EC, which is already. considering fining the CFO for selling over 60 per cent of all tickets to the French (in contravention of European trade laws), confirmed it would also investigate whether the hotline is being fairly run. "We need to know fully what has happened before decisions [about fixes] are made," a spokesman said.

On Wednesday, when the 110,000 tickets for first and second-round games went on sale, the majority of the 15,000 sold went to French people.

Callers from outside France were hampered by restricted access to the French telephone system and an erratic notline which saw many people connected to the queue and then cut off. Similar problems were still being experienced yesterday.

The CFO said that 75 per cent of calls reaching the hotline have been from France, but would not confirm whether this also meant that they were being

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sold 75 per cent of the tickets. "We do not communicate the figures," a CFO spokeswoman said, although she did admit that the CFO thought it was right that the French were receiving the most nickets. The World Cup is in France," she said.

The French have access to the main hotline number and its 60 operators, as well as their own dedicated line with another 30 operators

Even before the events of the past few days, the EC were considering fining the CFO up to 10 per cent of their revenue (which will be hundreds of millions of pounds) for anti-competitive behaviour. "It [a fine] is now looking increasingly likely," an EC spokesman said yesterday.

He added that an announcement is unlikely to come before the autumn, well after the tournament is over.

#### Promoted Barrow could emulate Halifax

day appointed their first chief ex-By Rupert Metcall

lice bail until 7 May.

AFTER Halifax Town sealed the GM Vauxhall Conference title last Saturday, it was the turn of another former Foothall League club to celebrate on Tuesday. Barrow beat their only remaining rivals. Boston United, 1-0 at Holker Street to

win the UniBond League.

Non-League notebook

The Cumbrian club will be back in the Conference next season and, with their big support, must have high hopes of emulating Halifax and challenging for promotion to the Football League. Such long-term gouls can wait, though, as for now Barrow are content to reflect on what they have achieved this season and look forward to receiving the Premier Division trophy prior to tomorrow's home game against Hyde.

The day after his team's decisive victory over their Lincoinshire rivals, Barrow's manager, Owen Brown, said:

"Boston were very generous they admitted that we had been the best team in the league this season. "The scenes at the end of

the game will live forever in most of the players' minds and in mine. I think it's my best moment in football," the former Tranmere and Carlisle striker added. "As a player you're very single-minded but you're responsible for everyone when you're a manager. This is a reward for all the people who have worked so hard

Although Brown paid tribute to every member of the Bluebirds squad he made it plain that he will not be complacent about the requirements of the Conference. "Soon we must think about strengthening the squad for next season," he said. "We've all got to work hard in the summer - it won't be a holiday."

It has not been such a happy season for Barrow's neighbours up the Cumbrian coast,

placements. TODAY'S NUMBER:

The wickets South Africa's Lance Klusener claimed

for 25 as Pakistan were bowled out for 114 in the final of the one-day triangular series against South Africa at Newlands It was the fourth time Klusener had taken five wickets in 36 one-day internationals.

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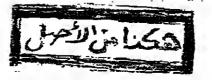
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Hoddle, said at the time he be- have high hopes of Jamie tak-

IT'S A ROLLOVER!

still hope it will clear up ques- ness hefore the World Cup.



Whatever, the contest is going all the way down to the last fraved strand of wire. It's enough to make strong men like Steve Bates blow a fuse. | Jennie Bimson, scoring her first

bottom of the league, yes, but If Bates, as enthusiastic as we've just found to our cost, when you're leading the field, you're there to be shot at. Everyone has a right go at you and every time you set foot on a pitch, you're in danger."

Newcastle feel

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strain, bis front-line pro-

tagonists were in a worse state

still. "There are some ex-

hausted guys in our dressing-

"It's been said a thousand

press conference to allege that

the clubs "hidden agenda" was

putting at risk England's partic-

ipanion in next year's World.

Cup. The issue was given ex-

tensive media coverage before

EFDR ordered Woodward to re-

turn his copy and took action to

prevent further public discussion.

"I did not come into this

SEEVE BATES looked tired

and drawn as, late on Wednes-

day evening. he reflected on

Newcastle's potentially cata-

strophic defeat at Wasps. The

Falcons' long weekend in the

capital bad turned sour indeed;

on Sunday bad preceded the

THE Fawltyesque farce cur-

rently being acted out at the top

end of the English game will

reach its comic high-water mark

on Monday when Cliff Brittle,

Fran Cotton and, hizarrely,

Clive Woodward bring a court,

clubs in an attempt to secure

their right to discuss the impli-

cations of a rugby document

that bas already been the sub-

ject of a furious public debate,

Limbering up for next

week's proceedings, Cotton,

as vice-chairman of the Rugby

Football Union, accused the

why of using "Maxwellian"

tactics to silence their critics.

Martyn Thomas, the chairman

of the RFU Reform Group,

which boasts Cotton as its presi-

hrowing in the word "Stalinist".

Rugby, the umbrella organisa-

polication to the European

ommission, which challenges

arious International Board

Woodward passed the docu-

as served after Woodward, the run-up to the World Cup and

ingland coach, was mistakenly coached the Boks to 14 straight

ent a copy of the clubs' legal. Test victories before retiring

-ion of the 12 Premiership One

Cotton and his colleagues

writes Chris Hewett.

action against the Premiership

a two-point reverse at Saracens in there too," be admitted.

one-point trauma at Loftus times before, but we have to

Road. As if to add insult to in- pick ourselves up, bolster each

jury, the contrary London other as best we can and get on weather had denied the squad with the next match against

Cotton condemns

Until Michael Lynagh room and needless to say, swung his famous right boot, connected with the sweet spot there is a lot of disappointment and bisected the Newcastle posts from fully 40 metres in the final minute of Sunday's game, the Geordies were sitting comfortably in the best seats of the Allied Dunbar Premiership. Now, they are once again umhilically attached to Saracens, their season-long rivals, on 30 points from 18 clubs' court tactics games with four matches left. The championship pot is hack on the hob and hubbling

> - On the face of it, Newcastle still hold the more potent cards. They have built up a positive points difference of 187 compared to Sarries' 155; three of their remaining games are at bome, while the Londoners must travel twice; and provided everything goes to plan over the next three weeks, they will gallop towards the

game to defend myself against writs, but this one basically final hurdle at Harlequins on gags us," said Cotton yesterday. 17 May knowing precisely what We'll be defending the inthey have to do - or, just as importantly, what they must junction in court but the RFU have instructed their solicitors avoid doing. Saracens play who recently resigned his post not to represent us, even though their last match, at bome to Northampton, three days Cliff is still chairman and Clive is an employee of the union."

On an infinitely more serious And yet. Newcastle's decinote, Kitch Christie, the coach sion to shift two of their rewho guided South Africa to maining home games to the World Cup triumph in 1995, unfamiliar surroundings of died vesterday in Pretoria after Gateshead Stadium deprives lent, went a step further by a long battle against leukemia. them of them of the creature "He was like a father to me," comforts of Kingston Park, a fortress unbreached this seasaid François Pienaar, the are reacting to a High Court writ . Springbok captain. "Thave lost son. In addition, they are struggling to keep their hig players on the field; Alan Tait, ssued by English First Division more than just a coach, or just a friend. But I am glad I had the opportunity to work with some-Tony Underwood, Nick Pop-\_lubs who have been at the cen- one I consider a legend."
\_c of the last two years of \_\_\_\_ Christie, who was 58, took plewell and, most importantly, Va aiga Tuigamala sat out the olitical infighting. The writ over the national reins in the Wasps game, while Pat Lam

failed to go the distance. The key confrontation may well be at Leicester tomorrow; if Saracens can stage a successful smasb and grab raid at Welford Road without the nd RPU regulations and seeks Africa's sporting credibility belp of the injured François Pienaar, the psychology of the cstablish commercial rights after the long years of isolation. race will shift on its axis.

Mike Catt, the Bath and England back, will undergo tent to Brittle, whose unpopu- keyhole surgery on his right My as RFU chairman led to his ankle next Wednesday and will event marginalisation, and to-miss this summer's four-Test trip ather with Cotton, they held a no the southern bemisphere.



# Teenager Garcia makes impression

#### By Mark Garrod

in Barcelona

THE Australian left-hander Greg Chalmers, American Jay Townsend and Spaniard Jose Manuel Carriles sbared the first-round lead on a day of low scoring at the Spanish Open in Barcelona yesterday. But the chance of 18-year-old Sergio Garcia becoming the first amateur to win a Europe .. .our event remained alive.

Tipped by Seve Ballesteros as good enough to beat the 150 professionals in the field at El Prat, Garcia, the British hoys champion, proved the point with a six-under-par 66.

It left him only two off the pace and in joint-sixth place in the race for the £91,660 top prize - a cheque be will not be able to accept.

"I've come to win, but also to get experience," said Garcia, who has lost count of the number of his amateur victories. "Between 70 and 80," be guessed.

Garcia hirdied four of his round of his life. The first came to taste success. He packed nine first five holes and finished in on the 507-yard 10th, with a twospectacular style with an eagle three on the 490-yard ninth. It was playing downwind, and after a 340-yard drive he needed only an eight-iron for his second and put it to 12 feet.

Another teenager, Alejandro Larrazabal, also fired a 66 as more than 100 players - twothirds of the field - broke par. not all peaches and cream," be

Chalmers, winner of the Australasian Players' Championship in December, bad two eagles in bis 64, the lowest Europe since 1985 and bas still

iron to 18 feet and after sinking a 35-foot birdie putt on the par-three 11th, the 24-year-old hit a six-iron to six feet at the 497-yard 12th.

Chalmers, from Perth, had to drop on to the European minitour last season, "Playing in places like Russia and Turkey is

said. "It's tough, but the rewards are there if you can gut it out." Townsend has been playing in

birdies into his round and would have beld the outright lead but for going into sand on the opening bole for a bogey five.

Carriles bad eight birdies as he hegan his attempt to emulate Frenchman Thomas Levet last week - by winning while not holding a European tour card.

Jose Maria Olazabai and Ballesteros matched Garcia's eagle on the ninth. Olazahal shoot 66, and Ballesteros 69. along with Ian Woosnam.

Teenager wins

#### Smith and Nicholls lead rout of India

morale boosting 6-0 win against each before the interval, Eng-India in their first game in a land were in confident mood. Four Nations Tournament in Massachuseus yeslerday.

India, their opening opponents in next month's World Cup in the Netherlands and who finished above them in Harare in last year's World Cup qualifier, were swept aside after

international goal, opened the floodgates in the first minute, continue their preparations with from the clubs, the Women's With the Slough pair Mandy

ENGLAND'S women bad a ing the first of their two goals Four minutes into the second balf Jane Sixsmith slipped bebind the goalkeeper to tap home at a penalty corner before Nicholls and Smith repeated their first balf dose.

England's next opponents are Canada, who failed to qualify for the World Cup.

Scoreboard

Back home, England's men land at Milton Keynes and an interesting fixture tomorrow afternoon against England Li- England squad in the US. ons - the players who, baving missed out on selection, will be boping to prove a point.

On Sunday, the RAF Careers Youth Cup Finals take place in the National Stadium with St George's College. Weybridge, featuring in the Under-16 and 18 finals while Repton double up in the Under-14s and 18s.

games against Wales and Scot- Cup semi-finals go ahead on Sunday with three of the four teams missing players with the Worst affected are Slough

> who, in addition to their three England players, will also be without Scotland's Sue Mac-Donald and Ireland's Sarah Kelleher. The coach, John Shaw, said: "We are bitterly disappointed but we are not going to throw our toys out of the pram.

JERSEY'S Lindsey Le Long

through to

quarter-final

continued her fine run in the World Indoor Championship in Llanclli yesterday when she beat Julie Davies, the Welsh champion, to reach the quarterfinals. Le Long, 17 last month, led

from the opening end to take the first set 7-2 and then recovered from 3-4 down in the second to give her the set 7-4 and the match. Jersey's other hope, Karina

Horman, is also through to the knock-out stages despite losing 7-2, 3-7, 2-7 to Ireland's Joyce Mulholland.

Norma Shaw, the defending champion, already assured of a quarter-final place after her two wins on Thursday, finished 1 her section unbeaten with a 3-7, 7-3, 7-5 víctory over Margaret Johnston.

Last year's beaten finalist. Caroline McAllister, went through after beating New ... Zealand's Millie Khan 7-2, 7-5, and Kate Adams set up an all-Scottish quarter-final clash with McAllister thanks to her 7-6, 2-7, 7-3 defeat of Canada's Jan MacNaughton.

### **Ostler extends dismal opening spell**

#### Cricket

nder EC law.

David Llewellyn arwickshire 102-4 y Surrey

WAS just four years ago that e Warwickshire batsman was cessive centuries at the start the season (although Brian ra did begin his run with 375 ainst England). Yesterday he other side of the cricket in as another Warwickshire ismen - Dominic Ostler -

When Ostler, pushing forward, gloved Martin Bicknell's fifth delivery (and the batsman's first) on to his stumos it was his third successive duck. Each dismal dismissal has taken place in the first over of the innings and iking the news for scoring five it was the second time he has fallen to the first ball he has faced.

through ill health, More signif-

icantly still, he played a central

role in re-establishing South

Andy Moles has still not recovered from an Achilles tendon injury so this has entailed Ostler, who has worked solidly on his technique all winter after a miserable 1997, having to and himself in the middle of move up the order to open. He unenviable trot with his has faced just six legitimate ison only three innings old. . deliveries in his three outings.

But the great, too, have peared to be shaping for a dripartial success yesterday, but only partial.

leg-before, but his end was his side managed 186 for 4 equally unsteady.

He bit some sumptuous" isbury. Thereafter the innings boundaries, balf a dozen in all, ambled to lunch. Dougie Brown but began shakily, shouldering having been missed at third slip arms to Ben Hollioake, simuloff Bicknell. At which point the taneously bunny-hopping in front of middle and off. He Sussex's new captain, Chris survived the confident shout for Adams, hit an unbeaten 86 as

Having scored 38, he ap-

their problems. Lara, back at ve at Mark Butcher's gentle Edgbaston, this time as captain, medium pace before changing has bad an uncertain start with his mind half-way through the the bat. After his failures shot; off the bat came his botagainst Durham last week came tom hand and out to square-leg went the hall, falling comfortally into the hands of Ian Sal-

> between the Chelmsford showers against Essex yesterday.

Britannic Assurance County Championship Rest day of low, 11 0 loday Essex v Somerset CHELMSFORTE Sueses (lots) flave scored 166 for 4 against Esses (1). Esses won total Suese Honor total Sueses (1) for the suese won total Sueses (1) for the suese (1) for the H K Ruo c Ruffins b Greycon 22 K Newest not out 2 Extrass (Dot. 108) 12 Total (for 4, \$4 overs) 166 Felt: 1-52, 2-63 3-53, 4-172 To that: 17-18 Moorde, P W Larvis, A A Khan. J D Lewry, R J Krafey Bowling: Covern 11-3-27-0; Williams: 10-3-43-0. Nepter 10-3-44-1; Yan' 12-4-37-1; Such 7-1-25-1; Graycon 41-5-1 ESSEX: \*P J Prichard, D D J Roberson 14 Grayson 4-1-5-1 ESSEE: "P.J Prichard, D.D.J Roberson, N. Hus-eam, S.G. Law, R.C. Iran, A.P.Grayson, T.R.J. Rollins, G.R. Naplet, N. F.Williams, A.P. Cowert, P. M. Such, Umphrees: R. Palmar and J.H. Harris, umpres: R Paimer and J H Hartis
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One-Day Series, Final

South Africa v Pakistan

South Africa won toss

#### porting Digest

#### ngland inspired by Holt ble tennis

VO wins from Manchester's. urprise 4-3 victory over Croaon the opening day of the ropean Championsbips in idhoven vesterday.

Croatia went into a 2-0 lead, a doubles win by Holt and a Lomas prompted an imessive fightback from the glish women. Then at 3-3, Holt delivered

nal blow when she defeated victory.

the former European junior champion Sanela Jurinec 21-15. drea Holrhelped England to 17-21, 21-16 to put England on the road to safety.

England's men, meanwhile. easily rolled over Moldova 4-0. Their opponents played their top player in the wrong order. Eventually the England team -Carl Prean. Terry Young and Bradley Billington - were awarded a 4-0 whitewash, which mirrored their actual margin of

#### day's fixtures

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Boxing The World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council have agreed on a merger that would create only one champion in each weight category, a WBC official said yesterday. The searctioning groups—which along with the international Boxing Federation are the most widely recognized in the

world - still will need to persuade pro-moters to accept the merger, said Ed-uardo Lamazon, executive secretary of the WBC Cricket

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Equestrianism This year's European Dressage Charrplanships for young riders and unions will be held at Hickstead from 19 to 23 Foorball

Brighton made a loss of £1.4m in their final year at the Goldstone Ground. The Seeguls are also facing a potential corporation tax bit of up to £1.3m following the controversial sale of their home for

second Reading player this week to announce that he is quitting English football and going abroad at the end of the season. Wdowczyk is likely to return to Poland. Earlier the former West-Harn striker Trevor Morley said that he is emigrating to Norway. that he is emigrating to Norway.

Ottmar Hitzfeld has signed a two-year contract to coach Bayern Munich following the resignation of Italy's Glovanni Trapattori. Hitzfeld, who led Borussia Dortmund to two German league tries in 1995 and 1996 and to the European Cup last year, is expected to earn an armusi salary of about three trillion marks (C11m).

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ice hockey NHE. First round play-oils (best of seven games): Washington 3 Boelon 1 (Washington lead series 1-0); (James 6 Pricents 3 Outlook lead 1-0), Othera 2 New Morbey 1 (off (Ottevia lead series 1-0); Bulfalls 3 Philadelphia 2 (Bulfalls lead canno 1-0); Pellins 4 Sen Jone 1 (Ottevia lead Rugby League

Rugby Union The South African Wikus Van Heerden had a suspension for biting an opponent reduced from 18 morths to 12 months by an Australian Rugby Union appeals tribunal yesterday. Van Heerden was Initially cited by the New South Wales forward Richard Harry on the arm while playing for the Coastal Sharks in a Super 12 game at the Sydney Football Stadium on 5 April Webnesbay's Late Heisulty's Asied Dumber Premierahip One: Wiseps 18 Newclaste 17: Northampton 32 Lorden tein 12 Premierahip Tho. Mosely 31 Coventry 3. Tennents Premierahip to 13 Late Currie 5 Wesclaste 17: Northampton 32 Lorden tein 12 Premierahip Tho. Mosely 31 Coventry 3. Tennents Premierahip Coastal Stadium Carrie 5 Weschards 73. Division 12: Stifting County 16 Ethburgh Academicals 13 Division 24 Kelso 32 Gail 22 Division 38: Hilling County 19 Apr 21. The South African Wikus Van Heerden

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# Wenger counsels caution on wages

By Andrew Warshaw

ARSENE WENGER yesterday warned his millionaire players not to expect an automatic rise if they

win the Premiership title. Wenger has been around long enough not to allow a little success to a man's head, or indeed a cluh's. "I have always encouraged all the clubs where I worked not to spend money they don't have." Wenger said.

how to do it. I will advise the board not to be stupid."

Whether this means Arsenal will be selling in order to huy remains to he seen but Wenger clearly plans to do things his way, just as he has done for the last 18 months.

David Dein, in the audience at Soccer-Ex. the international football forum where Wenger was speaking, the Arsenal manthe same time that there are their weight in gold.

"You need to have a wage structure so you can look people in the eye," he said. "Having said overpaid but if you took the 50 best paid sportsmen in the world, not one of them would be a foothaller. I can't see wage demands getting any lower for the forsee-

"Obviously we need to keep the how to preserve the cluh's wage cerued about the effects of the players happy, the question is structure while understanding at Bosman ruling, which applies to domestic players in Britain from some players who are worth next season, as well as imports, at the end of their contracts.

> He said players have dramatically gained the upper hand over their employers as a result that, everyone says footballers are of Bosman. "The only way not a collective thing. Nowadays it to lose your top players is to tie them to long-term contracts," Wenger said. "But even that doesn't necessarily work. Ronaldo has signed for Inter Milan for 10 years but no one expects him to stay there that long."

how to deal with millionaire players, said he was concerned that the relationship between club and player was being eroded.

"Ten years ago players and clubs stuck together to win things. I used to think that it was seems they are not always going in the same direction," he said. "The situation where a player is only at a club until a better offer comes along is not good for football."

On the same topic, Black-

tic wage structure he employed when coaching Malmo a few years ago. At the Swedish club then, there were three tiers according to experience. Hodgson conceded that such a system

would today be outdated. "Unfortunately football clubs now have to accept that if they pay top wages to keep a player they automatically also have to reward players lower down the scale or replace them."

Hodgson also took the op-

son, highlighted the democra- for his forgotten England strik- as I am concerned players must er Chris Sutton, who has virtually no chance of being selected by Glenn Hodgle for England's World Cup squad.

"Chris Sunon was playing very well when he was selected against Cameroon when he came on for the last 15 minutes. When the next squad came out he was relegated to what was: virtually an under-21 team against Chile," Hodgson said.

Australia

target for

Atherton \*

game between Lancashire and the winners progressing to a Middlesex, but the rain which best-of-three final in Fehruary.

"Chris just got the impression he was not appreciated. He

Cricket

By Michael Prestage

MICHAEL ATHERTON

failed a late fitness test before yesterday's ... Championship

wiped out the first day's play

may yet give the former Eng-

land captain the chance of some.

much needed batting practice and the opportunity to prove his.

worth to the international

He will need to be at his fittest, for yesterday the Aus-

tralian Board unveiled a gru-

elling winter schedule for

England's tour of Australia – as well as five Tests, the tourists

could play 13 one-day internationals in a triangular tourna-

ment with the host country and

current world champions, Sri-

Lanka. Breaking with tradi-

tion, the Tests will be played in -

hlock before the start of the

The programme will give

the England team maximum

opportunity to bone their oneday skills in the run-up to the

World Cup in England in 1999.

the Test matches and one for the

Carlton and United One Day

As in the West Indies this

two squads of players, one for he is in contention."

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Friday 24 April 1998 Begistered at a newscaper with the Post Office

burn's manager. Roy Hodg- portunity to repeat his support wanted to play on merit. As iar follow their conscience."

Hodgson suggested subily that the acclaim that greetedMate Le Tissier's hat-trick for the England B team against Russia. on Tuesday could have been overdone. "Le Tissier had a great game against a very weak Russian team. Is he more qualification than someone who does well every week against Arsenal or Manchester United?" he said.

Hoddle's savours perfect

Series. The one-day squad will comprise up to 18 players due

England will play five oneday internationals each against

Australia and Sri Lanka, with

The Test squad will fly out to

Australia in late October and

preparation for the first lest in Brisbane will include three

After Atherton's misery in

the Caribbean this winter which culminated in his resigning the

captaincy, he now faces the

agony of a recurring back injury

flaring up again. He found it too painful to contemplate playing

yesterday and struggled in a short nets session. "I've got n

back injury and you can't do

much about imuries" was the ex-

lectors, David Graveney, who postponed a visit to Old Traf-

ford yesterday in the light of the

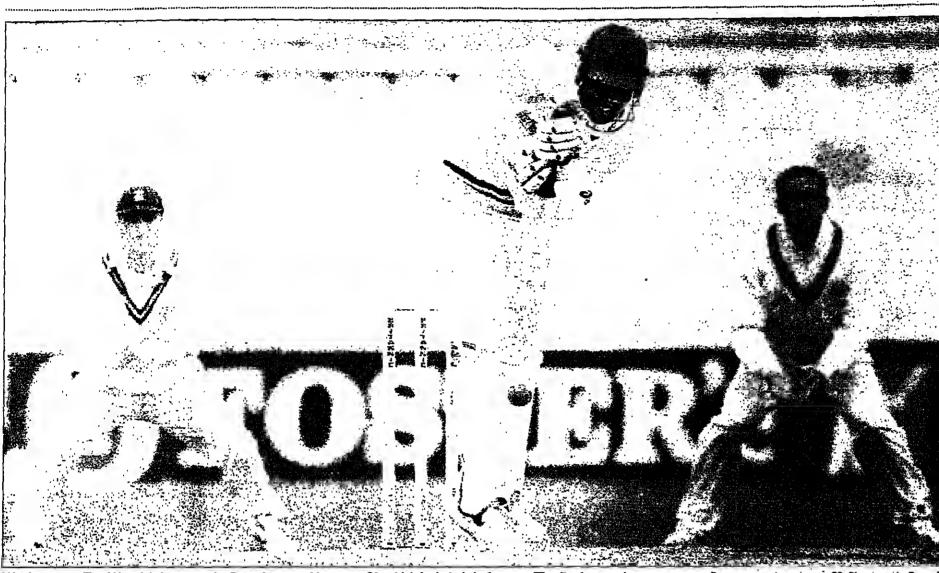
inclement weather did, howev-

er, offer some comfort to Ather-

just his form in the Champi-

England's chairman of se-

tent of his comment.



Waiting game: The Warwickshire captain, Brian Lara, on his way to 38, which included six fours, at The Oval yesterday

# Stevens confirms his potential

World Championship debut at the Crucible Theatre. Sheffield, yesterday with victory over the ninth-seed Alain Robidoux, a result that was widely anticipated by those in the know.

The 20-year-old qualifier won 10-8 to leave Robidoux a loser in the first round in all eight of this season's ranking

Stevens, who has had to

sympathy for last season's semi-finalist, "I know Alain has

happened to me it would take months and months to get used to a replacement. It's even tougher when you have to play match after match.

"It's a pity really because Alain had done so well last season. Despite his problems it was still a hard match, because after all this was my first time at the venue. I didn't treat contend with his own person- him lightly because he's still a al problems recently, was the great player and I'm just glad

Stevens, a semi-finalist in this season's Grand Prix and had his cue problems this sea- UK championship, was doubly "I know if the same thing rell, a constant travelling companion over the years, suffered an angina attack last week. Happily. Stevens senior was able to travel to Sheffield after

> hospital treatment. "It was a shock at the time and I'm really pleased he's

OK," said Stevens. "It was at the hack of my mind, but I managed to concentrate on my match," added Stevens, who began the day 5-4 up after a gruelling first session

down but stayed in contention said. MATTHEW STEVENS, con-sidered a future world cham-now meets Essex's Mark King appearance at the Crucible a frames of the final session. In No 2, resumes this morning 6-2 Maria Catalano had a better pion, marked his Embassy for a place in the quarter-finals, winning one. His father, Mor- the end, though, his attempt to down to the 14th seed, chance of winning her women's hreak his season's duck ended in failure again as Stevens won frame 18 by 82-0.

> Robidoux's problems began last year when he returned to Canada for the close season. He took his cue for minor repairs to the same cue doctor he'd used for years hut his repairer took offence at an advertising sticker attached to

Rohidoux's cue and immediately smashed it beyond repair. "I must have used at least 15 cues since then, but none

Rohidoux had heen 4-0 feel quite right," Rohidoux . After Ronnie O'Sullivan's

Anthony Hamilton. Higgins, one of the favourites for the title, lahoured in his opening game with Jason Ferguson and it was clear that had not shaken off his malaise against Hamilton.

Hamilton made a top hreak of 115 and also added runs of \$2, 88, 36 and 75 as he won five frames without reply after Higgins went 2-1 up. Theirs is the start and concludes this

10-5 first-round victory over world title this week than he did of winning the Embassy World Championship.

That prediction proved false as the 16-year-old from Dudley suffered a 4-0 whitewash in the last 32 yesterday to June Banks.

the world No 5, in Sheffield. Karen Corr, the defending champion, who earlier this week won the world ladies' billiards title, beat Vicki Revell 4-0 to first second-round match to reach the last 16. The final is at the Crucible on Sunday.

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# "Seeing those two

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# Portuguese champion drinks

grinned amiably vesterday when asked to confirm reports that he drinks four bottles of wine a

times more than four."

deed within the grimly commercial ethos which dominates the world of athletics these days. For the elite marathon runner, there are only two, perhaps three opportunities in a year to earn pots of gold in a big city marathon.

The winner of Sunday's race. for it I will have a drink," he brought a few bottles of his own wine over from Portugal - and by way of confirmation, set one

Pinto appeared yesterday firmly down alongside his mialongside the 1997 women's crophone. champion, Joyce Chepchumha,

Pinto. We may have been pronouncing his name incorrectly all these years.

But anyone thinking it is just as well that he will have a large, blue painted line to follow on Sunday, should be aware of the fact that this is one of the finest marathon runners the world has ever seen.

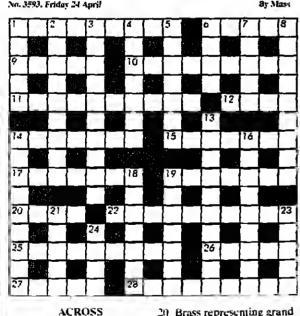
Pinto could neither confirm nor deny that his illustrious Portuguese predecessor Carlos Lopes had had a glass of wine on the morning he set a new world best back in 1985. But he was able to indicate the general validity of the image. 'Carlos used to drink ... a lot!" he concluded with another

Lopes, of course, was Olympic champion too. Must be something in it...

26 miles

Pinto plays down status,

first to offer a word of to get through." on Thursday. THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



 There's point in boy's zeal, at odds with idler

6 Wit gets us rolling when things dawn on us (3-2) Said measurements must

be for pants (5). 10 Disease mostly infecting animal preserve (9) 11 Boxer in training's not

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river (5) 23 King protected by simple plan (5) 24 Course piles up (4)

# four bottles of wine a week

who - by way of counterpoint

~ provided the standard élite

marathon runner's response

when questioned over the de-

mon drink. "I have a glass of

wine to see in the New Year,"

she said with a demure smile.

prodigious performance over

couple of bottles in one night.

Winc, he said, was full of vi-

tamins, and his drinking was a

natural complement to eating

the kind of meals he enjoyed

back home. Did that mean he

would not be drinking while he

was in England? "If I sit in a

He added that he had

mative.

Fine. But that is clearly not

Athletics

By Mike Rowbottom

A VINTAGE performance is in the offing from the defending Fiora London Marathon chamnion this Sunday - regardless of whether he retains his title. As befits a man who has his own vineyard. Antonio Pinto is

partial to a glass or two of wine. Two preferably. Or more, if the occasion demands... The 32-year-old from Portugal's Vinho Verde region

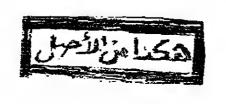
"Yes," he replied, "Some-

Such insouciance is rare in-

for instance will receive \$55,000 (£33,000), and a further \$100,000 for a world best. With that sort of loot at stake for the top contenders, drinking is widely regarded as a no-no.

Pinto's way. After his recent 10.000 metres, where he warmed up for London by hreaking his personal best, he cheerily admitted to downing a Asked by a Portuguese journalist if he also upheld the national tradition of a little snifter of cognac in the morning, he replied once again in the affir- grin.

1Steve Cram, the former world record-holder at 1500 metres. one mile and 2,000m, compeles in his first London Marathon on Sunday. The restaurant and the meal calls 37-year-old athlete-turnedcommentator will provide a series of live reports for Euresport through the gruelling



ton. Gravency insisted it was not -

Russia elect pM at last

onship that would be considered. "As long as he is looking winter, England will choose in form in whatever competition Tour itinerary, Digest, Scoreboard, page 29

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